

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, 7pm

**Present:**

Mayor of Faversham, Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr J Saunders	Cllr J Irwin
Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin	Cllr A Hook	Cllr K Barker
Cllr B J Martin	Cllr C Williams	Cllr H Perkin
Cllr C Jackson	Cllr Thomas	

**In Attendance:**

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

<b>339.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> None
<b>340.</b>	<b>Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests</b> Cllr Barker DNPI Item 346
<b>341.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b> It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Williams, and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RESOLVED to approve the Minutes dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.</b>
<b>342.</b>	<b>Report from Kent Police</b> Councillors welcomed the report from PSCO Sarah Jones. Cllr Thomas noted he had emailed her about reckless cycling in the town centre and alleyways.
<b>343.</b>	<b>Policy and Finance Committee</b> Cllr Barker confirmed that the KCC Member's Grant had been agreed for crime and antisocial behaviour research and that further details would be discussed at the next committee meeting.  It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RESOLVED to form a small working group to consider the 12 Market Place proposal from the Faversham Society, with Cllrs Reynolds, T Martin and Barker</b>  It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was <b>RESOLVED to donate an additional 10% to good causes on the Faversham &amp; District Lottery, so the total</b>

	<p><b><i>raised by them would be 60p or 60% of the ticket value</i></b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Barker seconded by Cllr Martin and on being put to the meeting it was <b><i>RESOLVED to accept the Policy and Finance Minutes dated 18 February 2021.</i></b></p>
344.	<p><b>Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group</b></p> <p>Cllr Irwin confirmed the group was looking at March 2022 for the referendum.</p> <p>Swale Borough Council's request for expressions of interest in the National Design Code required a response within 5 days. Cllr Saunders pointed out the request was to support Swale's application and didn't seem a large piece of work. However, Cllr Irwin felt it requested an indication of partnership, which implied we would work with them. He noted the unwillingness to collaborate at this stage would not preclude the Town Council working with them on this in the future, but the NHP Steering Group had just completed their own Design Code. Cllr B J Martin agreed the response had been the best option, whilst Cllr Barker noted that the Town Council having already spent money on this, there was a risk of conflict.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Irwin seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was <b><i>RESOLVED to accept the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Minutes dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</i></b></p>
345.	<p><b>Youth Working Group</b></p> <p>The minutes were noted. Cllr Thomas said Ben Simon could be contacted regarding a function room at the Rec. Cllr Williams is organising climate change events aimed at 11-18 year olds. Cllr Irwin noted that Rev Dan Cocoran was hosting an event pulling together all children and young people groups with the intention of mapping what is available.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin seconded by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was <b><i>RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Youth Working Group dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021</i></b></p>
346.	<p><b>Municipal Charities</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Barker seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was <b><i>RESOLVED to appoint Stephen Fisher to Faversham Municipal Charities 2010 and the Municipal Charities of</i></b></p>

	<b><i>Faversham CIO.</i></b>
<b>347.</b>	<b>Receipts and Payments</b> It was proposed by Cllr Barker seconded by Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was <b><i>RESOLVED to accept the receipts and payments.</i></b>
	Cllr Perkin noted the Disability Forum on Tuesday 16 March at 7pm

## ANNEX

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Oswald-Jones asked if there was a further update on the damage and security of the St Nicholas Allotment fencing that was raised at a full council meeting on the 7th of September 2020.

It was noted by the Town Clerk that the Facilities Manager has arranged for the waste and 2 fence panels to be removed from the allotment site. After the removal, the fencing will then be reinstated and repaired.

Mr. Oswald- Jones asked if there was any progress towards the planning application for the St Nicholas Allotment fencing.

Due to disconnection, the Town Clerk will provide the member of the public with an update on the progress via email.

Mr. Jefferys asked if the Town Council would to write to local MP Helen Whately regarding the 'Traffic Management Act 2004' in response to COVID-19 and the cycle infrastructure.

Mr. Jefferys also asked if the Town Council could investigate the idea of improving the cycle path that leads from Abbey fields to Magnum.

It was noted by Cllr Saunders that he believes it would be a good idea to write to MP Helen Whately, to establish her views on the 'Cycle Way' as well as inform her about the improvements the Town Council have been making, to improve cycling and walking provision, which the government were also trying to improve.

Cllr Saunders will work with the Town Clerk to prepare a letter.