

Faversham and District Engagement Forum

Tuesday 8th October 2019

1. Welcome from the Mayor of Faversham

The Mayor, Cllr Alison Reynolds, introduced herself and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Attendees then introduced themselves.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

The CCTV with added WIFI contract was progressing and was currently out to tender. A homeless headcount had been undertaken on 15th October at 4am and he hoped a yearly night shelter would be available.

The Town Council had visited the Youth Hub at St Mary's Church in Sittingbourne, which had qualified staff funded by the Diocesan and noted the huge responsibility and qualifications required. The Pulse at Maidstone was noted as example youth cafe.

3. Report from Kent Police

PC Jez Chittim sent apologies and PCSO Dennis Paslov attended to give a report. Between 9th July and 8th September the following were recorded:

24 nuisance calls
19 drug related
20 drink and drive
66 suspicious events
15 shoplifting – 2 leading to sentences
7 commercial burglaries – 1 arrest

The A2 incident investigation is ongoing
Male assaulted at the Rec – a 21 year old has been arrested

Concerns were raised regarding credit card fraud and whether Kent Police could undertake local awareness; shoplifting at the Co-op with staff unable to approach them; boy racers through the town.

4. Dyslexia

During Dyslexia Awareness Week Cllr B J Martin gave a presentation and provided an overview on the condition. He hoped that in the future funding for the screening/diagnosis would not have to come from school budgets.

5. 12 Market Place

The four proposals were outlined, which are currently out for consultation.

6. News from the Parishes

The local parish councils had a mini hub for planning and highway issues, taking place every 2 to 3 months.

7. Any Other Business

It was suggested that 12 Market Place should house lost property.

The Area Committees consultation still underway, but it was agreed that these meetings were still worthwhile. SBC's special project fund was noted.

The Green Grid was a good forum

Public questions could be made to SBC if given 1 week in advance.

£90,000 granted to Faversham Pools