

Newsletter

Spring 2018



Faversham
TOWN COUNCIL

Welcome

We have exciting times ahead.

We are shortly to be moving into our new offices at 12 Market Place which will at last give our office staff some elbow room and allow us to increase our staff base, we hope to find a good, local young person who would appreciate the opportunity to join a hard-working team as an office apprentice, assisting with the duties of the Town Council's office.

We have plenty in store for the young people of Faversham as you will see further on in this newsletter with the setting up of Youth Council starting with a fun day on 4th April. We have put aside substantial reserves towards refurbishing the skate park when the Recreation Ground renovations take place. The skate park has been very well used since it was first put in by the Town Council some years ago and the time has come for a make-over and perhaps some new equipment.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and we have set aside a budget to allow for proper commemoration of this important date and sacrifices that were made, not just by the men of Faversham who gave their lives, but also all those men and women who fought or worked in munitions or on the land in the war effort.

You may have been able to help by participating in a survey across the town. We have recently completed a benchmarking exercise to establish where we are as a town in comparison with other similar towns to identify our strengths for marketing purposes and our weaknesses that we need to improve upon. The report tells us many positives about the town which is great, but more importantly it guides us in the formation of our 5 Year Strategic Plan to address the weaker areas and shapes the activities of the Town Council. We use many means of communication to speak to and hear from our residents and together these are very influential in shaping the direction we go in. Taking account of what people say we know it is important to invest in the fabric and

experience of the town, to keep the town prosperous, welcoming and unique. whilst we were able to set the budget at no rise in the precept last year, we cannot do it year on year and this year we have had to increase the precept. I hope you will see this as the positive step that it is, improvements to the town will benefit everyone.

We shall be addressing areas where we can increase our income, partly through the appointment of the Business Support Officer who will among other things manage Faversham.org and generate advertising income from that, and our newsletter. We shall be making the most of our Guildhall, a beautiful historic landmark right at the heart of the town. With the installation of the lift last year it is now fully disabled access compliant and this year, with some minor improvements we will be getting it licensed as a Wedding venue to generate some very useful income and bring people into the town and using local suppliers.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your Mayor for the last two years and I thank you for the support that you have given me. I hope you will see the wisdom of all that has been done and is being done by the Town Council on your behalf.

Cllr Shiel Campbell, Mayor of Faversham



Faversham Town Council

Budget for the Year Ended 31st March 2019

	Year ended 31 March 2019	Year ended 31 March 2018
	£	£
Budgeted expenditure		
Civic	7,900	6,850
Staffing & professional (see note 1 below)	150,200	120,471
Office & administration	34,500	30,450
Alexander Centre -rent	10,100	10,100
The Guildhall	19,700	19,000
Front Brents Jetty	3,900	5,980
Community grants	26,000	26,000
Business support	-	10,000
Tourism	19,600	26,000
Community events	7,000	-
Public Realm Group	1,000	5,000
<u>Special provision</u>		
Town Council Regalia and Artefacts	2,000	1,000
Neighbourhood Planning	-	8,000
Transport Management Plan	-	8,000
Allotments	10,000	5,000
Swing Bridge loan interest	-	4,000
20's Plenty	5,000	5,000
Contingency	3,500	3,000
Youth Council	2,000	-
World War 1 Commemoration	20,000	-
Skate Park	15,000	-
Heritage Hub	21,900	7,387
Acquisition and adaption of 12 Market Place (see note 2 below)	43,500	43,500
Total budgeted expenditure	402,800	344,738
Budgeted income		
Civic	600	500
Office & administration	40	-
The Guildhall	4,500	-
Front Brents Jetty	9,000	8,100
Website income	10,000	-
Visit Faversham subscriptions	5,500	7,500
Community events	7,500	-
Heritage Hub.	1,500	-
Total budgeted income	38,640	16,100
Total budgeted expenditure net of budgeted income	£364,160	£328,638
The precept for Council Tax Band D properties	£57.99	£53.06

Note 1

The figures for Staffing & professional includes £24,000 (2017/18 £nil) for the costs of the Apprentice and the cost of the Business Support Officer.

Note 2

The purchase of the freehold and the adaption of 12 Market Place into a Town Hall and Heritage Hub was financed by a loan repayable over 50 years with interest fixed at 2.99%. The amount budgeted represents the repayments on that loan, which will remain constant over the 50 year period.



Put on your funkiest hat and show it off at our parade!

Faversham Hat Festival

Saturday 31st March 2018

Hatter's Fair and Easter Market 10-3
In Alexander Centre and on Preston Street

The Hat Parade leaves the Hat Shop at 11am

Competition Categories

Best Ladies hat	Best Window Display
Best Man's Hat	Best Traders Hat
Best Girls	Best Hatted Dog
Best Boys Hat	
Best Innovative Fantastical Hat	



Faversham Transport Weekend
12th & 13th May 2018
Travel Through Time

An Absolute delight for all the family!

Celebrate the big, bold and beautiful, with Faversham Transport Weekend
Showcasing vehicles through the ages, from vintage buses to classic motorcycles.

An amazing event packed full of fun and entertainment not to be missed!

Free Park and Ride
10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday

Free Vintage Bus Rides on Saturday, Car Show on Sunday, Entertainment and Family Fun Area
For more information and updates www.faversham.org/carshow or FavershamTransportWeekend.com
Or follow us on twitter @Favtransported and Facebook @FavershamTransportWeekend



Proms in the Market Place

Friday 8th June 2018 at The Market Place

The Gunpowder WI will be serving Tea, cakes
and savouries under the Guildhall from
5.30pm

The Faversham Mission Brass
and
Faversham Choral Society
will be playing from 7pm

Please join us for a singalong!




Town Hall Talks

The Guildhall, Faversham,
ME13 7AG

- 26th April- 'Historical Manuscripts; their creation and compilation' By Dr. David Wright
- 7th June- 'The Free Grammar School of Elizabeth Queen of England' By Antony Millet



FREE EVENT

Tickets available from Town Council Offices
Or EventBrite: [Town Hall Talks](#)

FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT ENGAGEMENT FORUM

The Faversham Local Engagement Forum first met on 10 February 2009, being a replacement for the Faversham and Swale East Area Forum. It brought together officers from Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council's, and other services including Health, Fire and the Police. The meetings in Faversham were successful and offered members of the public the opportunity to ask questions in a public forum. Unfortunately attendances in other part of the Borough were less successful often attracting only a couple of members of the public. They were discontinued in 2016 but Faversham Town Council saw the value of them and continued running them, inviting local Parish Councils to the meetings.

The latest meeting on January 9th was attended by 38 people including representatives from several Parish Councils, (Dunkirk, Luddenham, Newnham and Selling), the Police and other local groups. Before the meeting there was a presentation from Say No to Plastic Week in Faversham.

Inspector Craig West introduced himself to the

meeting as the new Swale CSU Inspector. He gave a full description of what is happening with policing in Swale and received a number of questions many of which he answered and he has since sent answers to others where he did not have answers.

There was a lively discussion of KCC's plans for funding of buses including a report from Wealden Wheels a community transport business, who run buses in 15 Parish Councils around Ashford. The Town Council agreed to send a letter of the views of the meeting to Paul Carter at KCC.

A report from the charity Red Zebra described how they provide a non-medical solution helping people to be socially active.

Finally the meeting received news and comments from the parishes.

Full Details of the meeting minutes and agendas can be found on the Town Council web site:

http://www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/Local_Engagement_Forum_10063.aspx

The next meetings are 10th April and 10th July at 7:00 in the Guildhall all are welcome.

Cllr Ted Wilcox

The Annual Town Meeting—Tuesday 22 May 2018

As it says in the title, The Annual Town Meeting is held once a year, in May in the prestigious building The Assembly Rooms (aren't we lucky to have such a marvellous building in our midst!).

This year the meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May from 18:30 – 21:30.

Local groups and charities, who have benefited with grants from the Town Council or have worked in partnership with us, will have stands showing their work and what they have achieved with their grants for the previous year. It is very interesting to see how the groups and charities are moving forward with their projects and what they have and hope to achieve.

The formal meeting will start at 19:30 This year we will have a new Mayor chairing the meeting and it will also include the presentation of the KALC Community Award: Faversham Hero. Last year the award went to Mary Caryer from the Arden Theatre.

Cllr Claire Belsom



Mrs Mary Caryer

'2017 Faversham Hero'

VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT SCHEME

Personal Service Group Faversham

NEEDS YOU

Have you time on your hands?

Do you like meeting people?

Can you drive?

Have you considered
volunteering?

Drivers are urgently needed to
transport local people to and
from the East Kent Hospitals for
appointments and treatment

It won't be every week and only
when convenient for you, but the
more volunteers we have the
better service we can offer the
patients

Mileage Allowance Paid

DBS Checks Required

For more information

Please Call

Mary Mellett on

01227 751661



Business Support Officer

Salary Range £14,039-£15,570 (21 hours per week)

Faversham Town Council is seeking to appoint a Business Support Officer.

This provides an exciting new opportunity to take the Town Council forward and identify opportunities to maximise the assets of the Council, together with ensuring the needs of the local business community are met.

Applicants must have previous experience in sales, marketing, website management, but also be prepared to act as the Council's Data Protection Officer, for which training will be provided.

An interest and knowledge of Faversham will be an asset.

The position is 3 days a week working from the Town Council's new offices in Market Place, but you must be prepared to travel to other venues around Faversham and district. This is a 12 month contract, which will be renewed subject to performance.

An application pack with full details of this post can be obtained by contacting: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk, Faversham Town Council, The Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8NZ. Tel: 01795 503288 Email: louise.bareham@favershamtc.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 3 April 2018

Town Caretaker

Salary Range £10.10-£10.749 per hour (20 hours per week)

Faversham Town Council is seeking to appoint a committed individual with a positive and flexible work ethic to become the Town Caretaker.

Applicants would benefit from having previous experience in property maintenance, general building work and horticulture. A cleaning driving licence is essential.

Excellent communications skills are a must.

The position is 20 hours a week over 5 days working within Faversham.

An application pack with full details of this post can be obtained by contacting:

Louise Bareham, Town Clerk, Faversham Town Council, The Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8NZ. Tel: 01795 503288

email: louise.bareham@favershamtc.co.uk

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PROPOSED YOUTH COUNCIL FOR FAVERSHAM YOUNG PEOPLE

Faversham is missing a platform for the local young people to utilise to voice their opinions. A Youth Council would be the perfect way to hear from young people their opinions, while also giving an opportunity to gain experience, meet others and enjoy themselves while working towards something they are passionate about.

I am Lizzie and I'm currently doing weekly work experience in the Faversham Town Council. I initially started this as a way to fuel my interests in politics and law and be a great tool for my academic career and future pathway while gaining great experience. I was tasked with working towards setting up a youth council in the area for those living in Faversham or attending schools in Faversham and after months of sending emails and gathering interest we held our first meeting as a steering group last weekend. This was a vital moment for all those interested in helping set up the youth council to discuss plans for taking the idea forwards. Within the meeting we have developed lots of ideas for gathering interest and making the youth council a reality in the near future.

Still in the early stages of recruitment, we want as many people to be inspired and interested in this as possible for it to be as effective as we hope. The vision is to create a group of young people varying from ages 12-24 to meet on a monthly basis to discuss their opinions, and work together as a team to start moving towards something they're passionate about and want to see around the town. This could be anything from charity fund raising days to setting up a Faversham youth magazine to creating a short film about any issue they want, or any activity they want to see in motion. This also includes working with the Faversham Town Council to open a discussion about what the young want to see that will

benefit the town as a whole as well as themselves. The direction the group is taken in is entirely up to them. It is a fun way of getting involved and making friends while driving a wider interest in things outside of school life.

As a main part of our recruitment process we will be holding a fun day on the 4th of April during the Easter break all day with a rock wall and other activities for people to come along and learn about the Youth Council and have a fun day with friends and family. We will be based across Faversham to hopefully give access to as many people as possible. These areas will include the Recreational Ground, Love Lane, North Preston and finally at the West Faversham Community Centre. The day in Easter will be a brilliant opportunity to meet other people interested in the group and for us learn what you would like to achieve from the Youth Council so we can move towards this making sure it is accomplished and the most enjoyable experience as possible is made.



If you cannot make this date then there will be lots of other opportunities to get involved, anyone is welcome to email me at Favershamtc@gmail.com or look on the Faversham Youth Council Facebook page for any details about other events or getting involved.

Lizzie Dye, Student
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
Chair, Youth Council Steering Group

Receptionist/Administrator Apprentice

Salary NMW £3.70 per hour depending on age (37 hours per week)

We are looking for a Receptionist/Administrator Apprentice to join us at an exciting time, as we move into our newly refurbished premises on Market Place in Faversham.

You will have the opportunity to learn all aspects of business administration, as well as being involved in community and civic events and a new exhibition space. For the right person, there will be an opportunity to undertake training specific for Parish and Town Clerks. No previous experience is required, but an interest in Faversham and its community is essential.

For full details and to apply for the position, please contact Kent Training and Apprenticeships on 0800 731 4297 or see www.kenttrainingandapprenticeships.co.uk/vacancies/

Direct applications cannot be accepted for this position

TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES

The Guildhall

10am to 12 noon

Saturday 10 March

Saturday 9 June

Saturday 8 September

Saturday 8 December

Pop in anytime during the session to speak to a local Ward Councillor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Guildhall

Full Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

Planning Committee Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6pm

Annual Mayor Making
Monday 14 May, 7pm

The Gatefield Hall
All welcome

St. Nicholas Road Allotments

The Town Council was successful with a bid from Tesco Bags of Help and secured £1,000 towards the clearance and maintenance of this site.

Bovis has started the clearance of their housing site, and with the building of these houses, comes much needed Section 106 money for the allotments.

We now feel that it is the right time to form an allotment association for this site, which will help organise the clearance and by doing so have a workable allotment at the end. This will need a lot of determination and hours of voluntary work, but in the end we hope to have a site that will be cleared and fenced where once again fruit and veg can be grown.

A meeting will be held **Tuesday 24 April at 19.30 at West Faversham Community Centre**, where the association will be formed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this association or are willing to help with the project then please come along.

Please contact Louise Bareham on 01795 503288 or louise.bareham@favershamtc.co.uk if you have any questions.

Cllr Claire Belsom

WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY

As you all know, there have been events in Faversham since 2014 to commemorate the centenary of World War 1 and to honour those who lost their lives during "the great war".

The Council sponsored "Proms in the Market" this year will have a WW1 theme and will be held on 9 June.

Although the fighting ended in November 1918 the actual "Peace" was not signed until 1919 so any 'closing' events will be held in 2019. It would be lovely if the people of Faversham could bring back the old street parties or something similar to celebrate that Peace - I understand that Swale Borough Council would be prepared to help with street closure applications where appropriate, although I do not know if any cost would be involved. If you know of any such celebrations, or are thinking

of organising something please let either your local Ward Members or our Deputy Town Clerk, Miss Adrienne Begent know.

Lastly, it is not too late to take part in making bunting - there are still some names waiting to be claimed. Remember bunting can be made using crochet, knitting, sewing, quilting, cross stitch, etc.

Full details and names available can be obtained from our Deputy Town Clerk by telephoning 01795 503286 or by email - Adrienne.Begent@favershamtc.co.uk. The bunting must be received by the Town Council by 31st May 2018 and will be displayed during November 2018.

Please don't let there be any of our Faversham war dead left unhonoured.

Cllr Anita Walker
Abbey Ward



WW1 Bunting



A single piece of bunting will be made to commemorate each of the fallen

Individuals and groups are invited to take part. The completed bunting will be displayed in the Guildhall throughout November 2018 to mark the anniversary



12 MARKET PLACE

Building work is now well underway and on target for the new Town Council Offices to be available after the Easter break.

All our existing telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. The office will be open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and will be fully accessible via a lift. The Council will be opening the building for tours during the Transport Weekend on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May. You are welcome to come and have a look around.

Cllr Nigel Kay

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