

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
7th March 2022, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Present:

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| Cllr Reynolds | Cllr T Martin | Cllr Williams | Cllr Jackson |
| Cllr Perkin | Cllr Henderson | Cllr Hook | Cllr B J Martin |
| Cllr Cavanagh | Cllr Rowlands | Cllr Saunders | Cllr Irwin |
| Cllr Thomas | Cllr Barker | | |

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

529. Apologies for Absence

None

530. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

531. Faversham Town Council Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meetings dated 7th February 2022.***

532. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's Announcements were noted.

533. TS Hazard

Cllr Irwin proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that this council recognises the importance of Grade II* listed TS Hazard, the Town Warehouse dating from 1420, to the historic identity of Faversham as a Cinque Port Town. We recognise the importance of TS Hazard to our Town's future. We consider the restoration of TS Hazard as pivotal to our emerging Neighbourhood Plan's vision for the development of a Creekside Heritage Quarter. Without TS Hazard as its centre piece, it is unrealistic to suppose we can secure the private sector investment necessary to make the proposed Creekside Heritage Quarter a visitor destination.***

Consequently, Faversham Town Council are alarmed that this key heritage asset has been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair by its present owners, Swale Borough Council. We call on SBC to work with Historic England and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings to address the urgent repairs necessary to prevent its further deterioration whilst

working over with the Faversham community to put in place a plan to secure its long term future.

534. Equality and Diversity Working Group

Cllr Perkin noted the planned diversity calendar. She also spoke of the proposed letters to new householders, a list could be provided by SBC every month. A discussion took place on who should sign the letter, whether it be from the Mayor or Ward Councillors. Cllr Henderson felt that the letter should come from the Mayor but note Ward Councillors' contact details. Cllrs Saunders and Thomas agreed with this. Other suggestions to the letter included website details and QR code. Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the welcome letter be signed by the Mayor and include Ward Members' details, with the text of the letter to be agreed by Policy & Resources Committee***

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Equality and Diversity Working Group dated 17th February 2022.***

535. Climate and Biodiversity Working Group

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Working Group dated 14th February 2022.***

536. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Barker noted that Urban Vision were providing project management support. Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 21st February 2022.***

537. Policy & Resources Committee

Cllr Barker noted the difficulty in obtaining more quotations for insurance and proposed the Town Council accepted Zurich's quote for a long term agreement for three years with the option to extend for a further two, Cllr Henderson seconded and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept Zurich's quotation for a long term agreement for 3 years.***

Cllr Barker noted that Councillors were meeting to review the strategic plan and considering how to plan the 2023-24 budget. He further noted the pledge of £5,000 grant to the Hop Festival.

Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 21st February 2022.**

538. Youth Working Group

Cllr Rowlands noted that the planned silent discos will require volunteers. The tender documents had been agreed and sent out with a closing date of 31st March. He had met with youth people to discuss the proposal for a skate pipe.

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Youth Working Group dated 24th February 2022.**

539. Newsletter

Cllr Cavanagh proposed that the open letter to the CEO of Swale Borough Council be included in the newsletter and delaying the Town Twinning article to a later edition. Councillors felt the article was time dependent and could not be delayed. Cllr Barker proposed instead that additional pages be included, with Cllr Perkin suggested details on donating to Ukraine via the Disasters Committee. Cllr Cavanagh agreed to the amendment and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to include the open letter to Swale Borough Council and extend the newsletter to 8 pages.**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the draft newsletter, with amendments.**

540. Noticeboard

A discussion considering several locations for the noticeboard, received from funding via the Call for Ideas, were considered. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to locate the noticeboard in the area of the West Faversham Community Centre.**

541. 2022-2023 Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr T Martin Mayor Elect for 2022-2023**

542. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the receipts and payments.**

APPENDIX

Dr Barry Blackburn gave a presentation on the proposed crime research he had been engaged to undertake.

Gulliver Immink raised concerns regarding the TS Hazard, which was an item on the agenda.