

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
10th January 2022, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

502. Apologies for Absence

Apologies, with reasons, were received from Cllr Thomas and Barker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllr Thomas and Cllr Barker.***

503. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

504. Faversham Town Council Minutes

Cllr Henderson confirmed that the Town Clerk had written to the Jubilee Centre, but had received a negative response to the offer of trustees.

It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meetings dated 6th December 2021.***

505. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's Announcements were noted.

506. Climate and Biodiversity Working Group

It was noted that Cllr Jackson was not on the working group. Cllr Irwin asked whether there was a list of highway verges which could be planted. Cllr Henderson thought areas like the Western Link were important, but permission was needed to plant bulbs or trees. Cllr Williams confirmed one living roof bus shelter had been installed.

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Working Group dated 9th November 2021.***

507. Policy and Resources Committee

The Town Clerk confirmed she had decided to stay with Rialtas accounting system.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee dated 13th December 2021.**

508. Committee Review

Concerns were raised regarding the attendance of KCC and SBC officers to the committee meetings if they were evenings. Cllr Saunders was broadly in support of the proposals and noted the LCWIP Working Group had been successful in getting attendance from KCC officers.

A discussion took place regarding the draft proposal, Cllr Perkin felt that Equality and Diversity wasn't something that could be task and finish, as it was about changing issues and training needs too. Although there was some agreement that Equality and Diversity needed to run through everything the Town Council did.

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Equality and Diversity Working Group report direct to the Town Council.**

Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Staffing and Complaints be a single committee.**

Cllr Cavanagh suggested that a culture needed to be included within the built structure.

Cllr Williams noted the Town Marketing Group's needed a new title such as Visitor and Tourism and that it supported the visitor economy and events but not businesses.

Cllr Hook proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that draft Terms of Reference be brought to the February meeting for approval.**

Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the proposed committee restructure with the agreed amendments.**

509. Receipts and Payments

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

510. Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the Meeting it was ***Resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.***

511. KALC Award

It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the nomination for the KALC Community Award***

512 Creek Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to write to Peel Ports with all the names of the Councillors, Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk***

APPENDIX

Mr Oswald-Jones pointed out the Standing Orders to Member noting they should stand when speaking unless they had dispensations for a medical reason.

Cllr Henderson responded that Standing Orders had been in existence for 35 years and there had been many debates. Cllr Reynolds noted it was difficult to hear when people were standing.

Mr Julian Herrington was granted permission to speak by the Mayor, as he was not a registered elector of Faversham. He raised concerns about traffic caused by additional developments and asked that the Town Council gave consideration when commenting on new planning developments. He noted the traffic in areas such as Porters Lane.

Cllr Saunders reported that the Swale Eastern Area Committee had provided funding to the Town Council to carry out a Parishes to Town Walking and Cycling Project, which would be underway shortly and all neighbouring parishes would be contacted and asked for their input into the project.