

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council

The Guildhall

Monday 5th July 2021, 7pm

Present:

Mayor of Faversham, Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr J Saunders	Cllr J Irwin
Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin	Cllr C Williams	Cllr K Barker
Cllr B J Martin	Cllr Thomas	Cllr C Cavanagh
Cllr C Jackson	Cllr J Rowlands	Cllr Henderson

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

7 members of the public

400. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hook and Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllr Hook and Cllr Perkin**

401. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr B J Martin, DNPI 409
Cllr Saunders, DNPI 408

402. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to amend Minute 385 to read PROPOSED that the Town Council writes to the SBC CEO, copying in the Cabinet Member, objecting to the emergency implementation of road closures and revert to the pre-Covid status, but confirming the Town Council would be happy to debate in future as a separate issue.**

It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Barker, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as amended dated 7th June 2021**

403. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's announcements were noted.

404. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Irwin noted the summer exhibition in July/August and that this would be educational and not a formal consultation.

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 21st June 2021**

405. Climate and Biodiversity Working Group

The working group looked at the core actions to create a structure for the group to tackle climate emergency.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Terms of Reference**

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the group structure**

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to start an enewsletter called The Buzz**

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Climate & Biodiversity Working Group dated 14th June 2021**

406. LCWIP

Cllr Saunders noted the parishes to town project would link local villages to Faversham. The LCWIP gathers data to build up journeys being made. The group has signed off the data and moved into audit. Membership is a broad mix of KCC and SBC officers.

Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr Cavanagh and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the LCWIP dated 16th June 2021**

407. Policy and Resources Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Cavanagh and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to move £21,444 Highways earmarked reserves to 20's Plenty**

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee dated 28th June 2021.**

408. **Adding paths in Faversham to the Definitive Map**
Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council supports the Faversham Footpath Group (FFG) in claiming rights of way, not already on the definitive map, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000***
409. **Faversham Community Land Trust – Homelessness Campaign**
It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the request of the Faversham CLT for help in the production of a newsletter***
410. **Receipts and Payments**
It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the receipts and payments.***

Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Reynolds, 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.***

411. **Staffing Sub-Committee**
It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Cavanagh and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to employ a business apprentice.***
412. **Creek Working Group**
It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council writes to the Secretary of State***

ANNEX

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Tim Brown asked if the letter had been sent to Swale regarding pedestrianised roads.

Cllr Irwin confirmed it had been sent.

Jenny Reeves asked what the Town Council proposed doing to encourage businesses into Lloyds and Barclays when they close.

Cllr Henderson noted it was disappointing that the banks were closing and use of the buildings will be encouraged. Cllr Saunders noted that all town centres will face challenges and will need to think about the future in order to make towns a destination.

Lisa Eades what was happening about the North Preston Hub and were the Town Council supporting the development.

Cllr Henderson noted that no progress had been made during Covid and that it was awaiting S106 funding from Anderson's site. He said that the Town Council had not been asked to support the project but it needed more help from local people.