

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee

1st June 2021, 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Barker
Cllr Rowlands
Cllr Hook

Cllr Saunders
Cllr Henderson

Cllr T Martin
Cllr Cavanagh

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

241. Election of a Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Barker as Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the Civic Year 2021 to 2022.**

242. Election of a Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Henderson as Vice Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee for the Civic Year 2021 to 2022.**

243. Apologies for Absence

None

244. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Henderson (249) Faversham Pools is a member of the Lottery

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Mr Oswald-Jones raised a query on the date noted in the Town Council Minutes, the item was not on this Agenda.

Mr Oswald-Jones raised a further query on the Crime Report provided by Cllr Hook, which was just a typo. He further asked for clarification whether the crime reports would include anecdotal accounts. Cllr Hook confirmed it would be crime recorded by police but also others such as the Audit Commission.

245. Minutes of Previous Minutes and Matter Arising

Cllr Saunders asked for progress on the Creek Bridge and it was confirmed by Cllr Barker that the Working Group was due to meet the barrister the following Friday and would report back to the Policy & Resources Committee on the 28th June. Cllr Henderson asked about the mooring

holder who hadn't paid his outstanding account, the Town Clerk confirmed that he had started paying his monthly agreed amount.

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Meeting dated 26th April 2021.**

246. Terms of Reference

Cllr Saunders noted the ToR should include current documents such as the new emerging Swale Local Plan and Faversham Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Cavanagh suggested a plain speaking overview of the documents, bringing them all together. It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to set up a working group of Cllrs Barker, Henderson, Cavanagh and Rowlands to review and update the Terms of Reference and consider a Strategic Plan and Action Plan**

247. Year End Financial Report

Cllr Cavanagh suggested a summary was required to explain the financial report, including what was not spent and why. Cllr Barker confirmed that the Earmarked Reserves Report will be considered on 28th June, when the Committee will agree what unspent expenditure should be carried forward or vired.

Cllr Saunders noted the overspend on the Staffing budget, Cllr Barker confirmed this had already been raised and answered twice before. It was suggested that Committee Chairs consider their unspent budgets and if they should be earmarked.

248. WIP Report

Cllr Cavanagh suggested the WIP report should show deliverables against the action plan. He asked why there were blanks. The Town Clerk noted that the WIP Report takes longer to populate than it takes to do the task; the WIP was recently changed and is itself work in progress. It's about finding something that works for everyone.

249. Faversham & District Community Lottery Working Group

Cllr Saunders noted the working group's request for a £5,000 budget from unearmarked reserves for marketing purposes. Cllr Cavanagh suggested there might be more uptake if the money was offered as additional prizes. Cllr Saunders felt people were more motivated by helping the good causes, rather than the chance of winning money. He noted that some winners had already donated their prizes back to the good causes. Members asked for more details on the marketing plan expenditure to be brought to the next meeting for further consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Lottery Working Group dated 12th May 2021.**

250. Town Marketing Group

Item deferred to 28th June.

251. Crime Research

Cllr Hook spoke to his paper and asked for agreement on the questions raised. Cllr Henderson suggested that crime statistics should be gathered from other sources than the Police such as the National Crime Reporting Group. He recommended asking what factors are driving crime down as well as up and provide comparative figures from other towns and stated that indicative evidence suggests that significant crime is by people who do not live in Faversham.

It was proposed by Cllr Henderson, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the report and advert for a researcher.**

252. Items for Report

Town Marketing Group Minutes

Update from the Creek Working Group

The meeting closed at 9pm