

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7.30pm  
The Guildhall

**Present:**

Cllr Barker  
Cllr Hook  
Cllr Cavanagh

Cllr Saunders  
Cllr Henderson

Cllr T Martin  
Cllr Rowlands

**In Attendance:**

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

**Public Session:**

Mr Oswald-Jones asked for an update on 28<sup>th</sup> June meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee item 256 – energy companies. The Town Clerk confirmed that Octopus had been investigated but Bulb, the current supplier, was more competitive. Bulb was still operating and there were no plans to change supplier.

**278. Apologies for Absence**

None

**279. Declarations of Interest**

The following Councillors declared non-pecuniary interests:

Cllr Henderson – Grants (Faversham Pools)

Cllr Rowlands – Grants (GEM)

Cllr Hook – (Faversham Radio, Faversham Pools)

Cllr Saunders (Faversham Radio)

**280. Minutes of Previous Minutes and Matter Arising**

It was noted that Cllr Rowlands was absent but reported as seconding the minutes. Cllr T Martin confirmed he had seconded the minutes. Cllr Hook noted that the Chair of the Equality & Diversity Group was to draft the letter, but confirmed the matter had now been resolved and would be confirmed formally at the next meeting of the working group.

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 Resources Meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

**281. Month End Report**

Cllr Saunders asked why Magna Carta budget line was in debit. The Town Clerk confirmed that £55,000 had been received in grant funding, which had not been moved over from earmarked reserves.

Cllr Saunders also raised queries on the office equipment, which was over budget due to the purchase of computers for the two new apprentices. He asked what impact the new youth worker would have, but this budget is currently shown under Youth so would have no impact. There was already a laptop available which the youth worker was more likely to use rather than a static computer.

The Month End Reports were agreed, proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Month End Reports***

**282. AGAR**

Councillors noted the successful completion of the audit.

**283. WIP Report**

It was noted that the sub-group set up to consider the strategic plan, terms of reference and WIP had only managed to meet once. It was agreed to arrange a further meeting and in the meantime the Town Clerk would revert to providing a simple WIP report.

**284. Lottery Working Group**

Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to distribute the additional 10% from ticket sales annually to the good causes and secondly allow the Faversham & District Community Fund to build up and reconsider how it should be distributed at a future meeting***

Cllr Rowlands questioned the £100 a month for Facebook posts, it was confirmed that this was a budget and not a target and the posts would be specific. The Town Council had only recently been approved to boost the posts by Facebook due to gambling restrictions and they had already proved to have increased ticket sales compared to paper adverts due to the nature of the lottery being online.

Cllr Saunders also confirmed the group had agreed that it should continue to meet for the time being.

Cllr Saunders proposed, 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.***

**285. Heritage Working Group**

Insurance for the charters was questioned and the Town Clerk confirmed she was awaiting the valuation from Bonhams for all the charters. She had also spoken with the brokers who deal with Sandwich Town Council, which had given a ballpark figure of £4,500, but due to the fluctuating insurance market could not be more specific.

Security of the building was still being researched, but there should be little ongoing costs once security measures are in place.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Minutes of the Heritage Working Group dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

**286. The Creek Working Group**

It has been agreed that the working group would meet bi-monthly and the next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> November. The Town Council had written to the Secretary of State and the MP regarding the bridge. Other letters had been written to organisations with an overlapping interest in land. The mooring fees and agreement were currently under review.

Cllr Hook invited other Members to attend a walk of the Creek on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to that the moorings on the Front Brents Jetty should be charged at 0.58 per foot per week (plus VAT) and the Belvedere Road Moorings should be charge at 0.38 per foot per week (plus VAT).**

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Minutes of the Creek Working Group dated 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**287. Community Grants**

A general discussion took place regarding the grant applications. The following applications were proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to grant:**

**Faversham Carnival £3,000**  
**Faversham Pools £5,000**  
**Faversham Umbrella £5,000**

**It was further RESOLVED to consider other grant applications in another meeting.**

The Town Clerk will authorise £500, under delegated powers, towards Cooksditch Stream works from the Climate and Biodiversity budget.

**288. Private Session**

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 the publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.**

**289. Crime Research**

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to arrange a meeting with each of the applicants.***