

## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

3rd October 2022,  
The Guildhall

### Present:

Cllr Irwin

Cllr Williams

Cllr Perkin

### In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Gill Wagstaff (Co-Chair of The Faversham Healthy Futures Project) (Minute Item 028 only)

Laurie McMahon (Co-Chair of The Faversham Healthy Futures Project) (Minute Item 028 only)

### Public Questions

None

#### 025. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jackson, Reynolds, and Rowlands.

#### 026. Declarations of Interest

None

#### 027. Minutes

Cllr Irwin proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

#### 028. Faversham Healthy Futures

Cllr Williams invited Gill Wagstaff and Laurie McMahon to introduce themselves and brief the Committee on the project. Laurie McMahon advised this project emanated from discussions between the Newton Place Patient Participation Group and the Faversham Medical Practice regarding the effect of the town's anticipated growth on health and care services. Funding had been secured from the University of Kent in partnership with Dr Melanie Rees-Roberts at the Centre for Health Services Studies to explore how Faversham citizens could become involved in the process. The Kent and Medway Integrated Care System had been legally established, NHS England's population health management programmes are being embedded and the East Kent Health and Care Partnership have committed to involve local people in health care planning. The funding obtained would deliver a series of meetings in the town hence the approach to the Town Council.

Gill Wagstaff advised the project would communicate through parish magazine and it was hoped through an article in the Faversham Town Council newsletter. Interested people from across the town could be included on a steering group.

The first meeting would take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10:00am.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to support the work of the Faversham Healthy Futures Project***

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED attend any steering group as required.***

**029. Working with Vibe**

Cllr Williams reported the two fun days had been organised during the Summer and had proven to be successful.

A discussion had been held about the age group being targeted during the fun days. They appeared to be aimed at younger children and families rather than older children/teenagers it was hoped could be reached.

Two away days to Wingham Wildlife Park had been organised and there had been engagement with the Arden Theatre. The Youth Council sessions held at The Guildhall had not been well attended but this was still at an early stage.

A programme of outreach would be developed for the autumn and winter months in certain parts of the town.

The Town Clerk agreed to contact Vibe for a report on their work so far and future plans.

**030. Energy Efficiency**

The Town Clerk reported a Fuel Advisor was attending the Town Hall on a weekly basis and had provided two vouchers to members of the public on her first visit. A pull-out section would be included within the newsletter which would detail where people could go for food help and for energy help. These initiatives were being promoted through the Council's social media channels.

Cllr Perkin reported SBC had received a new tranche of funding and the Eastern area Committee had agreed the remaining £12,000 funding from the previous tranche would be available for bidding by organisations working to help mitigate the cost-of-living crisis.

**031. Community Lottery**

The lottery report dated 28<sup>th</sup> September was noted.

The Town Clerk reported on The Good Cause Fair to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October which included 22 stalls featuring activities to promote the Lottery.

**032. Community Events**

The Town Clerk reported on progress with the Howl-o-ween event and The Christmas Lights Food Market.

The Christmas Lights Food Market would feature ten food stalls and a band.

**033. Items for Report**

Cllr Irwin proposed the provision of free wi-fi within the town.

The Town Clerk reported it had been listed as one of the items under the UK Prosperity Fund. Wi-fi had also been promised as part of the new CCTV system and she agreed to find out whether this could be included as an add on.