

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7th November 2022
The Guildhall

Present:

Cllr Williams

Cllr Perkin

Cllr Reynolds

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions

None

034. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jackson, Rowlands and Irwin.

035. Declarations of Interest

None

036. Minutes

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

037. Faversham Healthy Futures

Cllr Reynolds provided an update and minutes from the Healthy Futures meeting and confirmed the next meeting was 2nd December.

038. Working with Vibe

The report from Vibe was noted and the committee requested more information on the planned events/activities during the winter, including any activities for the Christmas holidays. It was noted that children and young people had been in need of food when attending and Cllr Perkin will speak to the Foodbank to see if there was an opportunity to work with them. The Town Clerk to set up a meeting with the working group and Vibe.

039. Grant Request from Strikeforce

Following community grant payments by the Policy & Resources Committee, Strikeforce had realised they had completed their application incorrectly and there was a shortfall of £578, which they asked whether the Town Council could make up.

Cllr Perkin proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to grant Strikeforce a further £578 from the Community budget**

040. Community Lottery

The lottery operators report for October 2022 was noted. The Town Clerk reported on the Good Cause Fair at the Alexander Centre, it was agreed to do an event for Volunteers Week in June 2023 to promote the lottery.

041. Community Events

Cllr Perkin thanked Dr Onyeka Nubia, Professor Hakim Adi and Dr Marika Sherwood for their time in supporting the Town Council's Black History Month events.

The Tourism and Events Development Officer's report was noted (Appendix A).

Feedback was requested for the Hop Festival, Cllrs Perkin and Reynold noted a DNPI in that they were now trustees. Everyone thought the Hop Festival went well and noted the very good street cleaning and that there had been no problems reported by the police.

042. Items for Report

Cllr Perkin confirmed that Black History Month events would be finished. The Town Clerk asked Councillors to start thinking about the KALC Community Award. Cllr Williams noted the Arden Theatre's proposed developments and Children's Society Report.

EVENTS REPORT (Appendix A)

Saturday 29th October 11am - [Howl-O-Ween Fancy Dress Dog Parade](#)

The Mayor and Mayoress of Faversham led a parade of approximately 50 dogs and their owners dressed up for Halloween around the town centre, accompanied by FTC's very own hound, Fang. Prizes awarded for scariest dressed dog, scariest dressed family and the best dressed shop window – which was won by Diana's Tea Rooms in East Street.

Event was supported by the following businesses who gave prizes, Brogdale Collections, Tel's Pet Shop Market Stall and Ollie Bongo's Pet Essentials.

COST: £47.28

Friday 4th November, 10am – 3pm - [Christmas Information Day at 12 Market Place](#)

Discover how to support local businesses and enjoy what's on your doorstep this Christmas! Visit Faversham is holding a Christmas Information Day on Friday 4th November. Taking place between 10am until 3pm at 12 Market Place.

Find out about the Christmas Elf town centre trail; local festive events; the Christmas Markets whilst also picking up some fabulous Christmas gift ideas.

COST: £0

Saturday 26th November, 4pm – 10pm

[Christmas Lights Switch On Night Street Food Market with Live Entertainment](#)

After the Christmas Lights Switch On at 5pm, there will be a host of street food and drink stalls in the Market Place until 10pm. Make an evening of it, bring the family and chose from a delicious range of street food and drink offerings from Pork & Co., Kent Cider Company, Foxys Fire Wood Pizzas, Mat Cat Brewery, Godmersham Game, Eat & Mess, Willobears, T'Stacos, to name just a few.

The local restaurants and bars will be open as usual so there will be plenty to choose from, and from 7pm there will be live music from local band Sixfold, with Phil Mace performing solo numbers during their break.

This is the perfect event to get you all into the Christmas spirit, celebrating 40 years of Christmas Lights in Faversham.

Event funded from 'Platinum Jubilee' budget & revenue in from stall holders attending.

COSTS £1,000 + VAT

REVENUE IN £480 + VAT

Friday 9th, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December - [Christmas Market Weekend](#)

Browse stalls from across Faversham Charter Market, Best of Faversham Artisan Market and Antiques & Vintage Market. Perfect opportunity to shop for gifts, Christmas accessories and local food and drink. Festive donkeys and music will entertain.

COST: £0