

FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP MINUTES  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 7pm

Present:

Cllr Perkin  
Cllr Rowlands

Cllr B J Martin

Cllr Hook

In attendance:

Louise Bareham – Town Clerk

1. Apologies  
None

2. Declarations of Interest  
None.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

Cllr Perkin proposed seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.**

Cllr Perkin reported that Black History Month was successful, with many people attending the three talks. One outcome from a talk is to be the setting up of a research group, which Cllr Perkin has asked to report back to the group.

Cllr Perkin has been in discussions with Swale Pride and will report at a later meeting.

4. Lift – Faversham Station

It was noted that the lifts at Faversham Station were often broken and it would be useful to find out how often this occurs. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to Network Rail.**

5. Accessible Play

Cllr Perkin reported the upgrade to Millfield play area as a positive move. She attended a presentation by Anderson Developments regarding a proposed play area and asked that they engaged with the Disability Forum and SEN Facebook group. She hopes to speak to a play area designer and set up a focus group. There is a further £130k funding from S106 money due for George V play area.

It was noted that the skateboard half pipe suggested for the Mount had come in at over £100k due to the required groundworks and was on hold.

Cllr B J Martin highlighted the Bensted play area was also due for S106 funding.

6. Accessibility of Toilets

It was agreed that the accessible toilet in Central Car Park needed to be available past 6pm, but was being locked due to vandalism and this has been confirmed by SBC. It was suggested whether the working group could fund improvements to the door to enable the disabled toilet to be left accessible by Radar keys. It was also questioned by Vibe could have a key to access the toilets in the Rec during their youth sessions.

The possibility of a community toilet scheme was discussed and it was agreed to write to Tesco regarding the use of their toilet in the evenings.

7. Awareness Calendar

It was agreed to mark Holocaust Day (27<sup>th</sup> January), using the existing boards whilst supplementing them with new ones on 2023 theme. LGBT History Month (February) Cllr Perkin will provide social media posts.

Other events which were agreed to mark were Pride (June), Children's Mental Health Week (6-12 February), International Women's Day (8 March) and Neuro-Diverse Week (13-19 March) and Chinese New Year (22 January – 4 February)

8. Matters for Report

A letter of apology had been sent to the person who complained about accessibility the Guildhall lift.

Cllr Perkin asked for Emma Brown to be given a Mayoral Certificate for playing for England Women's Deaf team.