

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Faversham Town Council

16th May 2022, 7pm

The Guildhall, Faversham

Present:

Cllr T Martin	Cllr Barker	Cllr Perkin
Cllr B J Martin	Cllr Henderson	Cllr Hook
Cllr Cavanagh	Cllr Williams	Cllr Saunders

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

565. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs Thomas, Reynolds and Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllrs Thomas, Reynolds and Irwin***

566. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

567. Minutes of the Town Council

Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council dated 4th April and 9th May 2022.***

568. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's announcements were noted.

569. LCWIP Working Group

Cllr Saunders reported that the group would be consulting on the LCWIP and was continuing to develop the Parish to Town Project, with Stage 1 completed.

Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the LCWIP Working Group dated***

570. Climate and Biodiversity Working Group

Cllr Williams noted the Wilder Town event in the Rec on 7th May where Faversham received the first ever Gold Award from the Kent Wildlife Trust.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Working Group dated 11th April 2022.***

571. 20's Plenty Working Group

Cllr Saunders noted the agreement for the fee rates for the cycle hire and bike hangars.

Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the 20's Plenty Working Group dated 14th April 2022**

572. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 19th April 2022**

573. Policy and Resources Committee

It was noted that the Newsletter Working Group included Cllr Saunders. The Heritage Working Group recommendations were noted regarding the Faversham Charters insurance.

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 25th April 2022.**

574. Appointment to Committees

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Committee Membership below**

COMMITTEE	MEMBERS (2022-23)
ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE	Cllrs Thomas, Saunders, Jackson, Williams, Hook, Reynolds
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE	Cllrs Reynolds, Rowlands, Jackson, Perkin, Williams, Irwin
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Cllrs Williams, Jackson, Perkin, Henderson, Hook, Reynolds, Thomas
PLANNING COMMITTEE	ALL with exceptions Chair: The Mayor
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE	Cllrs Saunders, Barker, Rowlands, Hook, Cavanagh, Henderson, T Martin

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE	Cllrs Barker, Jackson, Cavanagh, B J Martin
STAFFING COMMITTEE	Cllrs T Martin, Cavanagh, Jackson, Henderson, Barker
CREEK WORKING GROUP	Cllrs Hook, Barker, Reynolds, T Martin, Henderson, Rowlands, Perkin
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP	Cllrs Rowlands, Perkin, Hook, B J Martin, Williams
HERITAGE AND BUILDINGS WORKING GROUP	Cllrs Reynolds, T Martin, Henderson, Perkin, Hook, Irwin
LCWIP	Cllrs Saunders, Thomas
LOTTERY WORKING GROUP	Cllrs Saunders, Barker, Reynolds, T Martin
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP	Cllrs Irwin, Reynolds, Perkin, Hook, Barker
VISITOR AND TOURISM WORKING GROUP	Cllr Henderson, T Martin, Rowlands, Reynolds, Williams
NEWSLETTER WORKING GROUP	Cllr Saunders, Cllr Hook, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Barker, Cllr Cavanagh

Cllr Hook proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Barker as Chair of Policy and Resources Committee**

Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Williams as Chair of Environment Committee**

Cllr B J Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Thomas as Chair of Active Travel Committee**

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Rowlands as Chair of Community Committee**

575. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Representatives as follows**

OUTSIDE BODY	REPRESENTATIVES 2022/23
AGE UK COMMITTEE	Cllr Barker
ALEXANDER CENTRE TRUST	Cllr Saunders
CINQUE PORTS STANDING COMMITTEE	The Mayor of Faversham
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU IN SWALE	Cllr Jackson
DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE	Cllr Reynolds
FAVERSHAM IN BLOOM	Cllr Williams
FAVERSHAM SWIMMING POOL	Cllr B J Martin
KALC SWALE AREA COMMITTEE	Cllr Henderson
SWALE EMERGENCY CONTACTS	The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
WEST FAVERSHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	Cllr Reynolds
GREEN GRID FORUM	Cllrs Williams, Perkin
TOWN TWINNING GROUP	Cllrs T Martin, Barker
PLASTIC FREE FAVERSHAM	Cllr Williams, Perkin
OARE GUNPOWDER WORKS	Cllr Williams
FAVERSHAM HERITAGE HARBOUR	Cllrs T Martin, Irwin
FAVERSHAM ASSISTANCE (FACE)	Cllrs Thomas, Perkin*
FAVERSHAM UMBRELLA	Cllrs Irwin, Rowlands
FAVERSHAM TRADERS ASSOCIATION	Cllrs Irwin, Henderson

* Following the meeting the Town Clerk was advised that FACE only requires one representative.

576. Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the amended Standing Orders following NALC's update to Para 18 to omit reference to EU Regulations.**

577. Insurance

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that this Council confirms arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks is in place for the Civic Year 2022 to 2023.**

578. KCC Bus Services

Cllr B J Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that this Council strongly objects to the proposed cuts to bus services and commits to write to the leader of Kent County Council and to Joel Mitchell, Managing Director of Stagecoach South East to object to the proposed cuts in the strongest possible terms and to request a review of routes within and around the town to ensure communities across Faversham and its surrounding villages are properly served in the future.**

579. Strategic Pillars

A discussion took place regarding the Strategic Pillars. Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to note comments for revision to the Strategic Pillars (Note the final version is attached as Appendix A)**

Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Cavanagh and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that all committees submit plans (in a template to be provided) to cover resources required and timelines for actions proposed across the civic year 22/23 to Policy and Resources Committee by 13th July 2022, although flexibility allowed.**

Cllr Perkin left the meeting at 8.30pm

580. Age UK

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that this Council recognises the importance of the work that Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne does in the community, especially for those most in need. We call on Kent County Council to explain, and provide assurances, that the users of the services of Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne are not paying any more than**

would have previously. If they are unable to provide those assurances, we urge KCC to look again at the funding provided to Age UK Faversham and Sittingbourne for the vital work they provide to those communities.

581. Receipt and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to withhold the payment to Breakthrough until further enquiries were made.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the payments list, as amended.***

582. Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting 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 publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.***

583. Staffing Committee

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Staffing Committee dated 24th April, 3rd May and 5th May 2022.***

It was noted that Abi Rainbow was leaving, Cllr Williams proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Cllr Hook.

Committee	Strategic Pillar	Mission / Objective
(Example) Tourism	Community & Economy	Promote and support community events
		Welcome and embrace diversity, inclusion, equality, health and wellbeing
		Facilitate and promote events and create the right conditions for positive youth engagement
		Promote and support the local and visitor economy
		Promote the Historic Market Town of Faversham
		Promote and support the voluntary sector (including the Lottery)
		Promote a safer Faversham
		Promote active sports participation for all ages
		Coordinate, where required, community response to any future crisis
		Environment
	Protect and improve natural habitats and biodiversity	
	Represent local interests in the planning and development of Faversham (including the Neighbourhood Plan)	
	Promote and facilitate the reduction of environmental and climate impact	
	Promote the improvement of the chalk streams of Faversham	
	Protect, improve and increase green spaces	
(Example) Creek WG	Heritage	Protect and leverage the heritage of Faversham for the benefit of the town
		Conserve the character and historic built environment of the town
		Campaign to have an opening creek bridge
		Protect, promote, and enhance the creek and its immediate surroundings as a focal town asset
	Health & Wellbeing	Community response (Hannah Perkin)