

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
12th December 2022, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Present:

Cllr T Martin	Cllr Irwin	Cllr Cavanagh	Cllr Hook
Cllr B J Martin	Cllr Henderson	Cllr Jackson	Cllr Williams
Cllr Saunders	Cllr Perkin	Cllr Rowlands	Cllr Thomas

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Questions from members of the Public

None.

659. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs Barker and Reynolds. On being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllrs Barker and Reynolds.***

660. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllrs B J Martin, Jackson and Henderson Minute 667 DNPI

Cllrs B J Martin, Jackson and Henderson Minute 669 DNPI

661. 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 14th November 2022.***

662. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's Announcements were noted

663. Policy & Resources Committee

Cllr B J Martin thanked KCC Member Antony Hook for funding the crime research.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, 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 21st November 2022.***

664. Environment Committee

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council needed to engage a solicitor for the transfer of allotments from BDW and the appointment would be finalized via email.

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 9th November 2022.***

665. Active Travel Committee

It was noted that the hire bikes had been moved to East Street and were using all the cycle hoops, but there were plans to install additional cycle hoops outside the post office.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 17th November 2022.***

666. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Workings Group

The Town Clerk reported she had written to the station manager asking the times the station lift was not in operation, but was advised the information could not be provided due to GDPR.

Plans were underway for the Holocaust exhibition and Chinese New Year celebrations and Councillors will be advised via email.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group***

667. Heritage and Buildings Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to enter discussions with Swale Borough Council on the future ownership of T S Hazard***

Abstentions: Cllrs Henderson, Jackson, B J Martin

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to write to Swale Borough Council regarding the proposed town centre signage, expressing the Town Council's disappointment in the lack of consultation and engagement and to ask whether the signage will indicate places of interest outside of the town centre.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to review the 'Blue Plaque Scheme' in partnership with the Faversham Society.**

668. Community Committee

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

669. Neighbourhood Steering Group

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the site at Ashford Road and Rear of Market Inn be removed from the plan**

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, 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 28th November 2022.**

Cllr Irwin advised that the Regulation 14 would consist of a 6 week consultation period, when all feedback would need to be published and responded to before moving onto the next stage.

Cllr Saunders asked whether it tied into the existing Creek NHP, providing public and disabled access to the Creek footpath. Cllr Irwin confirmed the document does make clear the commitment to a Creek footpath.

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that:**

- **The Neighbourhood Plan be submitted to Swale Borough Council for Regulation 14 Consultation (3rd January – 14th February)**
- **The promotional documents duly approved**
- **Printing cost and delivery of the material agreed**

Abstentions: Cllrs Henderson, Jackson, B J Martin

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, 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 5th December 2022**

670. Creek Working Group

Cllr Hook advised of the offer to pay half the cost of ladders at the Provender Walk moorings, which was agreed, but noted this would not constitute an agreement to pay half of any future costs.

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that:**

- ***Faversham Town Council runs an online petition to put pressure on the DfT Secretary of State to issue an abatement order.***
- ***Proceeds with printing and distributing information leaflets***
- ***The possibility of transferring the Creek Bridge public funds currently held with Kent County Council be investigated by Policy & Resources Committee***

671. Training Plan

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Training Plan 2023-24 and approve the Training, Learning and Development Policy.**

672. Civility and Respect Pledge

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council takes the Civility and Respect Pledge agreeing:**

- ***it has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff***
- ***has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors***
- ***has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a Dignity at Work policy***
- ***will seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise***
- ***will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens***
- ***will continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme***
- ***supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the civility and respect, including sanctions for elected members where appropriate***

673. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree receipts and approve the payments for December 2022***

The meeting ended at 21.00