

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
11th July 2022, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Present:

Cllr T Martin	Cllr Thomas	Cllr Reynolds	Cllr Rowlands
Cllr B J Martin	Cllr Henderson	Cllr Jackson	Cllr Irwin

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)	Maria Newman
Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)	PCSO Denis Pashov
Rob Gibbs (Assistant to the Town Clerk)	PCSO Sarah Jones

599. PCSOs Presentation

PCSOs Denis Pashov and Sarah Jones were welcomed to the meeting.

PCSO Pashov provided a summary of crimes reported during June 2022.

In response to a question from Cllr Henderson, PCSO Pashov advised the preferred methods to follow up sightings of drug dealing, or use would be to dial 999 if in progress or if reported after the event, via 101 or online.

Cllr B J Martin referred to routine speed checks. Less instances of speeding on Graveney Road were noted.

Cllr Irwin paid tribute to the service provided by local PCSOs.

The PCSOs were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

600. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs Barker, Cavanagh, Hook, Reynolds and Williams on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllrs Barker, Cavanagh, Hook, Reynolds and Williams***

It was noted that Cllr Perkin was participating via Zoom.

601. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

602. Minutes of the Town Council

Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council dated 13th June 2022.**

603. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's announcements were noted.

604. Policy and Resources Committee

Cllr T Martin noted the adoption of the new Code of Conduct for Councillors.

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 Policy & Resources Committee dated 20th June 2022.**

605. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

Cllr Rowlands referred to the recommendation regarding the accessibility of the radar key operated disabled toilet. At the Jubilee proms they were locked and not available after 6pm. It was recommended to write to SBC to ask for options for door closers to enable the radar key operated disabled toilet to be open 24/7.

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RECOMMENDED to write to SBC to ask for options for door closers to enable the radar key operated disabled toilet to be open 24/7.**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group dated 22nd June 2022.**

606. Active Travel Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 23rd June 2022.**

607. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Thomas and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the ACECOM Housing Needs Assessment Report V2.**

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Neighbourhood Plan be submitted to Swale Borough Council.**

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 27th June 2022.**

608. Community Committee

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 4th July 2022.**

609. Swale Borough Council Wayfinding Signage Project

Cllr Thomas summarised the current position of Swale Borough Council. Funding had been sourced for the consultant's report and for the designs of both phases. Funding was now being sought by SBC for a number of the signs. Their budget was approximately £57,000 short. Cllr Thomas recommended the acknowledgement of SBC's request for the short full in funding but as FTC has not budgeted for that amount it would need to reject the request. SBC would then need to look at alternative sources of funding.

Cllr Saunders expressed concern at the informal meetings being held by SBC Officers and the limited communication with the Town Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to SBC to request that future consultation be made formally through the Town Council meetings and to reject the request for the short full in funding.**

610. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Town Clerk referred to the Report included within the meeting papers. In the previous year the Town Council had been successful in receiving over 80% of the available funds due to the work of the Town Clerk and the Tourism and Events Development Officer in coming up with ideas that met the criteria within the deadlines required. The views of Councillors were being sought on which projects they would like to see taken forward.

Councillor Saunders referred to the Cross-Town Walking Route meeting the requirements for increasing footfall to the town centre.

Councillor BJ Martin referred to the Engine Sheds. The Town Clerk advised that an application for a feasibility study for the Engine Sheds could be made.

Councillor T Martin referred to the need to have plans ready at short notice.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept both recommendations: 1) Delegated**

authority is given to the Town Clerk and Visitor and Events Development Officer to work on the suggestions from this meeting and any other ideas that may be appropriate. 2) To ensure we have more than sufficient ideas, should last-minute additional funding be available.

611. Receipt and Payments

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