



TOWN AND PORT OF FAVERSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Henderson
2. The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held virtually on 9 March 2021 were accepted. It was noted that there was to be no signing of an attendance sheet.
3. No questions were received.
4. Cllr John Irwin provided an update on the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan, noting an affordable social housing crisis in the town and work on the Faversham Design Code. The Neighbourhood Plan is looking to allocated 219 houses on existing brownfield sites and will complete a Regulation 14 consultation next year. Regulation 16 goes out to statutory consultees.
5. Cllr Antony Hook provided an update on the Creek Working Group noting the town jetty had reopened again for moorings. An opening bridge was now the main focus, in 2015 KCC supported a new opening bridge which would allow barges to moor and create jobs. The town raised the money required and the Town and Borough Councils pledged funds but the costings had increased far in excess of the money raised. KCC had received legal advice on Peel Port's responsibilities. Over the next couple of months meetings with stakeholders would take place to discuss a vision for the bridge.

A member of the public raised concerns over the public money, feeling that people were misled and questioned the cost of hiring the temporary bridge.

6. An update on the Faversham & District Community Lottery was provided by Cllr Julian Saunders. He noted the big impact to the voluntary sector fundraising over the previous two years. The lottery was launched in April 2021 and raised £45,000 for local good causes in its first year.
7. An overview of the Mayoral Years during Covid-19 was provided by the Mayor, Cllr Alison Reynolds.
8. The Worshipful, the Mayor of Faversham, Councillor Alison Reynolds BEM to presented cheques from the Mayor's Charity Fund to:

Faversham Air Cadets
Faversham Sea Cadets

Faversham Army Cadets

Ms Jude Caryer on behalf of Cinque Ports Rowing CIC

Mr Mike Henderson on behalf of the North Preston Community Centre

9. The Worshipful, the Mayor of Faversham, Councillor Alison Reynolds BEM presented a Mayoral Certificate of Recognition to Ms Amanda Russell for services to 20's Plenty Faversham

10. The Worshipful, the Mayor of Faversham, Councillor Alison Reynolds BEM presented the KALC Community Award to Mrs Sylvia Lawrence for services to the Faversham Carnival