



# TOWN AND PORT OF FAVERSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON

**TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023**

1. Apologies for absence were noted.
2. The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held virtually on 26 April 2022 were accepted.
3. No questions were received.
4. Cllr John Irwin provided an update on the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan, noting that it was at an advanced stage with Regulation 14 6 week consultation period completed. Feedback had been vast, proving that the town was engaged with the process. Responses had been received from 4 statutory bodies; local groups including Faversham Creek Trust, Friends of Oare Gunpowder Works, Faversham Footpaths Group and the Faversham Society; 7 landowners. Every response is recorded and will receive a response. Notable changes will be made to the NHP with the plan being enhanced. There will be a further consultation period of 6 weeks before it goes to independent inspection.

All the details of the NHP can be found on the town council website.

5. Cllr Hook gave an update on the Creek Bridge confirming that a petition had been started by the Town Council to demand that DfT takes action against Peel Ports. So far, 1183 people had signed it and it is hoped to collect more.
6. Cllr Saunders provided an update on the Faversham & District Community Lottery. He noted there were over 50 good causes raising over £40,000 a year from 600 ticketholders. It is the end of the honeymoon period, so the momentum needed to be maintained, but there had been solid progress so far.
7. The Worshipful, the Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Trevor Martin, gave an overview of his mayoral year with specific notable events including the first Festival of Transport in two years, the opening of Faversham Charters, the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, St Catherine's Fete, the death of the Queen and the Lord Warden, Lord Boyce.
8. The Worshipful, the Mayor of Faversham, Councillor Trevor Martin presented cheques from the Faversham and District Lottery Fund to:

Faversham Guides  
Faversham District Scouts  
Up the Creek Pantomime Society  
West Faversham Community Centre

9. The Worshipful, the Mayor of Faversham, Councillor Trevor Martin presented a Mayoral Certificate of Recognition to Mrs Margaret Gates for services to Faversham Beavers and Stephen Palmer for services to the Faversham Foodbank.
10. The Worshipful, the Mayor of Faversham, Councillor Trevor Martin presented the KALC Community Award to the Friends of Oare Country Park:

Paul Jessett  
Hazel Jessett  
Mo Parker  
Sandra Wilkes  
Denise Codeli  
Kristian Staples  
Councillor Mike Whiting  
Jackie southern  
Angela Smith  
Graham Kirk