

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Faversham Town Council
24th May 2023, 6pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Present:

Cllr T Martin	Cllr Golding	Cllr Newman	Cllr Eyre
Cllr Cook	Cllr C Martin	Cllr Rowlands	Cllr Williams
Cllr Crayford			

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Questions from members of the Public

Over thirty residents attended with additional residents watching online. All who spoke were opposed to the proposal from KCC to close Faversham Household Recycling Centre. This was due to a number of reasons, including the environmental detriment in terms of increased carbon emissions resulting from greater car usage to reach alternative facilities and the likely increase in fly-tipping issues for SBC to deal with. Concern was raised on the KCC statistics on usage and that these required greater scrutiny.

039. Apologies

Apologies with reasons for absence were received from Cllrs Saunders, BJ Martin, Thomas, Perkin, and Coniam.

040. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

041. KCC Household Waste Recycling Centre Review

Cllr Crayford referred to a written document he had circulated setting out his initial thoughts on how the Town Council could respond to the KCC proposal to close Faversham Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for a Working Group to be set up with one representative from each Ward.***

Cllr T Martin requested each Ward put a name forward to the Town Clerk by the afternoon of 29th May 2023 with the Town Clerk to set up a meeting at the earliest possible date. The next meeting of the Town Council would be 12th June 2023 which would require the Working Group to meet by no later than 6th June 2023 so that recommendations could be made for the next meeting of the Town Council.

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for the Mayor of Faversham, Cllr T Martin, to write to the Leader of KCC, the KCC Cabinet Member for the Environment and Rt Hon Helen Whately MP, expressing in the strongest possible terms the reasons the Town Council opposes the proposal to close Faversham Household Waste Recycling Centre.***

Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for the Town Clerk to write to the Parish Councils similarly affected by KCC's proposals to seek their support and whether they wanted representation, additionally write to Councils in the other areas similarly affected to seek their responses.***

The meeting ended at 6:55pm.