

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
10th July 2023, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Cllr T Martin (Chair)	Present	Cllr BJ Martin	Present
Cllr Rowlands	Present	Cllr C Martin	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Crayford	Present	Cllr Saunders	Present
Cllr Eyre	Present	Cllr Thomas	Present
Cllr Golding	Present	Cllr Williams	Present

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

058. Apologies for Absence

None.

059. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Thomas DPI Minute Item 070 Receipts and Payments

Cllr Crayford DNPI Minute Item 070 Receipts and Payments

060. 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 meetings dated 12th June 2023.***

061. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to write to the Emergency Services who attended the house fire in St Marys Road on 6th July 2023 to thank them for their timely efforts in evacuating the houses affected.***

Cllr T Martin reported on recent events he had attended.

Cllr T Martin referred to the announcement of Town Centre Action Grants Scheme by SBC aimed at increasing footfall into town centres and DEFRA funding towards community orchards, woodland, and tree giveaways to recognise the Coronation of King Charles III.

062. Faversham HWRC Working Group

Cllr Thomas advised there would be a demonstration at County Hall in Maidstone on Thursday 13th July and on 21st September and encouraged Councillors to attend, if possible. Continuing, Cllr Thomas referred to the KCC Environment and Transport Committee's meeting on 5th July, where changes were advised on the HWRC consultation, and the closure of Faversham was now featured in all four options.

The emphasis of the campaign would include the increased pollution created by users having to travel further.

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Faversham HWRC Working Group dated 19th and 28th June 2023.***

063. Environment Committee

Cllr Williams provided a summary of the meeting of 14th June 2023.

Cllr T Martin requested the Environment Committee seek guidance from KCC on the parts of the land including the wall at Stonebridge Allotments taken during the installation of the temporary bridge and when the land and wall would be reinstated.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Golding, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 14th June 2023.***

064. Community Committee

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 19th June 2023.***

065. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Perkin advised the Neighbourhood Plan had proceeded to Regulation 16.

Cllr Perkin proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 26th June 2023.***

066. Policy and Resources Committee

Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 3rd July 2023.***

067. Creek Working Group

Cllr Crayford referred to Minute Item 9 Creek Bridge regarding 1307 signatures obtained on the Creek Bridge Petition, over 2000 signatures had been obtained on the Faversham HWRC Petition organised by Councillors and Council Staff. When Cllr Crayford questioned the Breakthrough invoice, the question could not be answered. Regarding the action on taking the Petition to Downing Street, Cllr Crayford believed Cllr Hook was going to discuss the matter with Lord Palmer to seek advice on the best method of presenting the Petition.

Cllr Perkin emphasised the need to share the Creek Bridge petition widely on social media.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Creek Working Group dated 5th July 2023.***

068. Active Travel Committee

Cllr Thomas advised since the meeting, Cllr Saunders had indicated he would like to join the Faversham Community Transport Scheme Working Group, which he supported.

Cllr Crayford referred to his constituents' concerns over the dangers of the illegal use of e-scooters and asked this be raised at the future meeting with the new Local Police Officers.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to express thanks to Rob Gibbs and the Town Council staff for an enjoyable Cycle Fest event on Faversham Recreation Ground on 1st July.***

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to add Cllr Saunders to the Faversham Community Transport Scheme Working Group.***

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 6th July 2023.***

069. Committees Terms of Reference

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the following reviewed Terms of Reference:***

- ***Policy and Resources Committee***
- ***Community Committee***
- ***Environment Committee***
- ***Active Travel Committee***

070. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree receipts and approve payments for July 2023.***

12 VOTES FOR/2 ABST

The meeting closed at 8pm