

Community Committee Meeting

Monday 19th February 2024, 7.30pm, The Guildhall, Faversham

Cllr Rowlands (Chair)
Cllr Coniam

Cllr Golding
Cllr C Martin

Cllr Newman
Cllr Perkin

Cllr Cook

Dear Committee Member

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a meeting of Faversham Town Council's Community Committee to take place at The Guildhall on Monday 19th February 2024 at 7.30pm when the following business will be transacted. This meeting will be hybrid and members of the public may attend via Zoom.

Yours sincerely

Louise Bareham

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Town Clerk

A maximum of 15 minutes to be allowed to receive public questions and comments on items on the Agenda.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest for items listed on the Agenda.
3. **Minutes and Matters Arising**
To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 20th November 2023 and consider any matters arising.
4. **Interfaith Week**
To receive an update from members of the Faversham Healthy Future project.
5. **Community Events**
To receive an update on events

6. **Discover Faversham Working Group**
To receive the Minutes of the Discover Faversham Working Group dated 4th January 2024 and agree any recommendations.
7. **Youth SLA Working Group**
To receive an update from Vibe.
Discussion on what does our future youth offer look like for best value for money.
8. **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**
To receive an update on: Black History book and Witches Stone.
9. **Community Lottery**
To receive and note the Operator Report. To agree the details for distributing the annual fund (see attached report)
10. **Community Rail Partnership**
To consider and discuss a community rail partnership scheme.
11. **Crime Research**
To review the crime research report and recommendations.
12. **Z Folds**
To consider working with the Faversham Community Network Group to produce a z-fold card of information of local service providers.
13. **Refer Kent**
To agree to sign up to Refer Kent as a referrer.
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/cost-of-living-support/professional-referrals/referkent>
14. **Swale Borough Council's Corporate Equality Scheme Consultation**
To review the Corporate Equality Scheme and make comments.
15. **Mayor's Awards**
To consider nominations for a Mayoral Award for presentation at the Annual Town Meeting. *This item may need to be considered in private session*
16. **Matters for Report**
Items for next agenda

VIBE UPDATE

Let me catch you up on what we have been doing since our last meeting:

* Our extended **Friday evening sessions** at the Recreational ground have continued, and now that we have teamed up with Sports Connect to improve engagement we are able to spend more time building relationships with young people who had not attended beforehand. We are now at the Rec from 4pm-9pm on a Friday. Sports activities in addition to the activities and food within the pavilion are currently offered until 6:30pm. After that (due to it being dark) we revert back to solely utilising the pavilion. However, due to the days getting longer, we have plans to purchase numerous sporting activities to keep YP occupied later into the evening (ultimate frisbee, basketballs, more footballs etc).

Whilst running these sessions we have been able to monitor and keep safe individuals who have obtained alcohol on different occasions. Parents have been contacted (who were very grateful) and always our safeguarding policies adhered to.

* Our Wednesday evening sessions at the Rec became much quieter over December/early Jan, and so we decided to change back to doing outreach work. Until the weather improves, we have two members of the Vibe team covering Faversham every Wednesday evening for 2 hours 7-9pm.

* The Youth Café at the Umbrella Centre also had a decline in numbers. This was due to their unfortunate closure for refurbishment. Prior to this we were getting a solid 15-20 minimum each week. After the closure (and even with direct contact) the attendance didn't recover. We gave it time to improve, but called it a day last week. Our plan over next week (Half Term) is to assess the best course of action going forward (we may still use the Umbrella Centre, but for a different purpose).

Plans for the future include regular hire of either/both Abbey School 3G or Strikeforce 3G, where there are floodlights for evening activities. These activities wont always have to be football, but having a large, well lit space to engage on, will certainly be beneficial. Unfortunately Abbey School let us down at the last minute with our hiring of their 3G pitch over half term. However we have managed to obtain a football arena along with other sporting equipment to deliver Sports sessions at the Rec on Friday 2-8pm. We are looking to arrange bigger activities for April/Summer as our payments are now up to date (we were having to be very careful beforehand).

Just to summarise our current short term plan:

- * Friday evening sessions to continue (they are always popular).
- * New club for 12-14s (location TBA)
- * Regular hire of floodlit 3G pitch to increase engagement (especially for those who can't afford regular monthly payments to the local clubs).

Regarding a meeting date. I have CC'd Tanya, and will need to check with Rebecca. Hopefully we can arrange a date, but it may be tough with only having next week.

The only part of that which is not funded by FTC is the 7-9pm hours at the Rec.

We also have an initial youth council in place at both Abbey and QE school. I am due to be finalising idea's with them (school timetable dependant) over the next couple of weeks. The next step is hopefully to arrange a meeting with some of the Youth Council members and FTC so that they can present their views.

Report on Faversham & District Community Lottery Item 9

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Background

As part of the community lottery, the Town Council has its own funding page called the Community Lottery Fund, which says “Proceeds generated from this page go into a general good cause fund, administered by Faversham Town Council, which will be spent on providing vital support to a wide range of local organisations and community initiatives which have a beneficial impact on the local community”.

<https://www.favershamdistrictlottery.co.uk/support/faversham>

This page generates approximately £5/6,000 per annum in ticket sales. In addition to this, we receive 10% of all ticket sales, again this generates around £5/6,000 per annum.

Historically we have undertaken draws for 4 x £1,000 prizes and 4 x £250 prizes from the page funds and returned the 10% ticket sales to all the other groups. The latter is time-consuming and can lead to some organisations getting less than £10. The prize draw cheques are presented to the groups at the Annual Town Meeting.

Proposal

To consider and agree the method of distributing the additional funds.