

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

15th April 2024 7:30pm
The Guildhall

Cllr Rowlands (Chair)	Present	Cllr C Martin	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Golding	Substituted	Cllr Saunders	Present
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In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions

None

063. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Golding substituted by Cllr Saunders.

064. Declarations of Interest

None.

065. Minutes and Matters Arising

Cllr Rowlands reported there had been no response from Interfaith Members. It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 19th February 2024.**

066. Faversham Healthy Futures

An update was received by Gill Wagstaff and Laurie McMahon. The interim report was discussed and the next step is to look for citizen experts to co-design the future services. They have interest from the Integrated Care Board, East Kent Health and Care Partnership and Primary Care Network (Ashford) and have met with the Chair of the ICB. They will be giving a presentation, hosted by the Faversham Society, on 3rd July in the Alexander Centre. They have engaged with Newton Place Surgery, but not the Faversham Medical Practice as yet.

067. Community Events

The Town Clerk gave an update on the community events. Cllr Cook gave his recognitions for all those involved in organising the Spring Fair. A huge well done to Claire and all involved.

068. Community Lottery

Councillors were not convinced that expanding the lottery into Sittingbourne was a good idea and supported other promotional activities to gain additional

good causes from the Faversham area. It was suggested to use a poll to find out who knows about it.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowland, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the following recommendations;**

- **To amend the amount good causes receive direct to 60% at the cost of £600 to Gatherwell,**
- **To agree to a campaign to expand the lottery attract good causes, including paid online advertising.**

069. Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Town Clerk gave an update on the Black History book. It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the recommendation to spend £165 to have the book edited/proofread by a professional.**

070. Destination Marketing Group

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree to a data sharing agreement with the Destination Marketing Group for the Faversham Passport and other Visit Faversham initiatives this summer.**

071. Council of Sanctuary

Cllr Perkin reported that she had attended a meeting and the Town Council was in a reasonable position to complete the documents and create an action plan to become a council of sanctuary by the summer. Cllr Perkin will arrange a shared document. It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to set up a task force of Cllrs Perkin, Coniam, Newman and Rowlands**

072. Youth Funding- What the future looks like

It was agreed to defer to the Youth Working Group to consider how the remaining £15,000 budget should be used in this financial year. The group also needed to look at a model moving away from contracts and giving grants and to consider what are the priorities in a wider area as £30,000 was not much.

073. Faversham Community Networking Group

The Town Clerk's report was noted. It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman it was **RESOLVED (a) to proceed with the z-fold for the Faversham Community Networking Group and print 5000 copies. (b) agreed to fund a volunteers' badges up to £1,000.**

074. Chapter 8 Training

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree to the Chapter 8 traffic management training and offer the additional spaces to other towns.**

075. Refer Kent and Kent Money Advice Hub

The Town Clerk reported that there were no insurance issues with participating with Refer Kent and that we were now signed up. She further reported that a Money Advice Hub was available in the Town Hall for people in need of advice.

076. Matters for Report

Safer Streets and bystander training.