

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

18th September 2023 7:30pm
The Guildhall

Cllr Rowlands (Chair)	Present	Cllr C Martin	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Williams	Present
Cllr Golding	Apology		

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions

None

016. Apologies for Absence

An apology was received from Cllr Golding.

017. Declarations of Interest

None.

018. Minutes and Matters Arising

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

019. Faversham Healthy Futures

No representative from FHF was present so it was agreed to invite representative(s) to provide an update at the next meeting of Faversham Town Council on 9th October 2023.

020. Mayor's Award

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Mayor's Award be presented to the street cleansing team responsible for the clean-up following the Hop Festival.**

021. Discover Faversham Working Group

Cllr Cook provided an update on the recent meeting of the Discover Faversham Working Group, items discussed included:

- Town centre wi-fi
- Events
- Coach parking
- Faversham Passport

022. Youth SLA Working Group

Cllr Williams provided an update on the recent meeting with Vibe regarding youth outreach. It was agreed that regular meetings were useful to keep both sides updated on activities being undertaken.

023. Action Plan and Budget 2024/2025

The action plan and budget items for 2024/2025 were reviewed.

Cllr Williams felt the action plan was in line with the Committee's priorities and it was agreed that this was a working document that could be added to when required.

024. Community Lottery

The September 2023 Operator Report was noted.

025. Community Events

Pride Event at WFCC

The Town Clerk reported £86 had been raised in support of the WFCC Pride Event through the sale of FTC's Pride Badges. It was agreed this was a successful event, but Cllr Williams discussed whether this could be expanded or complimented to include activities within the town centre in future. Cllr Coniam suggested holding some relevant talks around the time of the Pride Event. It would be important to co-ordinate with the WFCC and Swale Pride. It was agreed that this could be explored further when the new Events Officer was in place.

Howl-o-ween

It was noted Rob Gibbs was taking the lead organising this event on 28th October 2023.

Christmas Lights Switch On and Night Food Market

The Town Clerk reported the Event Management Plan, which included road closures was in place and concessions were being contacted for the Night Food Market.

Faversham Festival of Transport 2024

It was noted that ticket sales would start in October.

Other Events – Remembrance Parade

It was noted that preparations were underway.

026. Grant Funding

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to grant Creed Outdoor Learning the sum of £900 to make up their full grant application.**

027. Community Engagement Policy

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for Committee members to email their**

proposals for updating the Community Engagement Policy to the Town Clerk by 31st October 2023.

028. Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Williams, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the current Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.**

029. Crime Research

Domestic Violence

The Town Clerk advised the FTC website now included a page on Domestic Violence services:

<https://favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/community/domestic-violence-services/>

Councillors agreed to review the page and feedback any updates to the Town Clerk.

Educational Programme

It was agreed to refer this recommendation to the Youth SLA Working Group. It was agreed that discussing the issue with the local schools would be desirable to see what was already being done and where extra support might be needed.

Court Service

The recommendation of extra support for the support to court service run by SATEDA in order to increase the number of women it can support, was discussed and it was agreed this desirable.

Designing Out Crime Team

It was agreed another meeting should be arranged with DOCO Emily Hook with a targeted agenda to ensure specific issues were addressed.

New Initiatives

It was agreed the matter of Bike Hangars should be referred to the Active Travel Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to fund the VIC to join the Retailer Shop Radio system from SBC.**

The final three new initiatives involving “pubwatch”, lighting in Faversham Recreation Ground, and Park Mark accreditation for car parks were outside of the Town Council’s remit.

030. Matters for Report

Perry Court

It was noted that the matter of land to be taken over by the Town Council from the Developer had been referred to the Environment Committee. Depending

on the outcome of the discussions at the Environment Committee, Perry Court would be added to the next Community Committee agenda.