

Environment Committee Meeting

Wednesday 10th January 2024, 7.30pm The Guildhall

Cllr Perkin
Cllr Newman
Martin Collins

Cllr Golding
Cllr Eyre
Matthew Hatchwell

Cllr Cook

Dear Committee Member

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a meeting of Faversham Town Council's Environment Committee to take place at The Guildhall, on Wednesday 10th January 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. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**
To agree the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 6th December 2023 and any matters arising:
4. **Green Open Homes**
To receive the presentation from Victoria Frost, Community and Domestic Energy Support Office, KCC, on Green Open Homes
5. **Thermal Imaging**
To receive the report and agree recommendations.

6. **Strategic Pillars and Ambitions**
To consider the strategic pillars and ambitions and make comments and recommendations.
7. **Environment Events**
To agree events for 2024.
8. **Bat Boxes**
 - To agree to the purchase of bat boxes made by Faversham Umbrella and Abbey Physic's Men's Shed.
 - To consider running an event to highlight bats, such as International Bat Appreciation Day 17th April 2024.
9. **Planters**
To review the list of planters and discuss a policy for agreeing locations of planters going forward.
10. **Budget 2024/25**
To consider projects and funding requirements for 2024/25 budget.
11. **Allotments**
To receive an allotment report.
12. **Items for Report**
Future Agenda items

Actions and Matters Arising

ITEM	BACKGROUND	PROGRESS
008. Bench at Millfield	Install a bench in Millfield green	Installed
018. Solar Panels in Conservation Areas	Write to SBC	Unsure if this was completed by retired Cllr
020. Interpretation panel for Westbrook Stream	New panel approved for Westbrook Stream	In progress
023. Fast Fashion	Cllr Perkin had also been in contact with Community Wardrobe based at Whitstable, who held a fashion swap shop and the Salvation Army who provided clothes and school uniforms. Simone Stolton suggested this could be a good item for a Climate Café and Cllr Perkin agreed to discuss this with her following the meeting.	In progress
031. Perry Court Land	Adopt the area of land being offered by BDW Homes (excluding allotment site, which has already previously been approved).	Solicitor instructed and in progress
032. Climate & Ecology Bill Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Climate and Ecology Bill; • Inform local residents, and local press/media of this decision; • Write to Helen Whately MP to inform them that this motion has been passed, urging them to sign up to support the CE Bill, or thanking them for already doing so; • Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, 	Completed and email received from HW

	expressing its support (campaign@zerohour.uk)	
033. Dog Poo Bags	Relocate the dog poo bag dispenser from its existing site in South Road.	Completed
035. Glass Bottle Recycling	Write to Swale Borough Council and the Supermarkets in the town to request bottle banks to be installed in their car parks.	
041. Environmental Improvements for North Preston	Cllr Cook advised he would consult with the North Preston Residents Association to see if they would participate in the project in terms of maintenance and consult with the Facilities Manager. Cllr Perkin referred to the need to consider possible external funding sources and asked to be kept informed on progress.	In progress
042. Areas for Improvement	<p><u>Trees in Central Car Park</u> Cllr Perkin agreed to write to SBC regarding ways to increase irrigation to the trees in Central Car Park. The state of the brick wall bordering the footpath, which was leaning, would also be included in the letter.</p> <p><u>Rear of Poundland, Bank Street</u> The Town Clerk agreed to write to the landowner regarding clearing of the site and to consult with Poundland on the same issue. Cllr Cook suggested checking the original planning application, stating his belief that the land was always intended to be a community space.</p> <p><u>Sheerways</u></p>	Letter has been written and a response awaited.

	The Town Clerk advised she had contacted Taylor Wimpey, and they had referred the issue to their South Eastern division. A response was awaited.	No further response from TW, but FTC is in direct talks with resident
043. Graffiti	<u>FTC Staff responsibility for the removal of graffiti from private property and the charging scale & Draft Graffiti Policy</u> It was agreed to have further discussions with SBC regarding insurance and staff time and costs, before recommending the draft Graffiti Policy to the Town Council.	Email sent to Martyn Cassell requesting meeting. Response awaited
045. Nutrient Neutrality	Send a follow up letter to SBC Leader from the Mayor	Letter sent and holding response received from Cllr Gibson, SBC Leader (sent to MH for info).
049. Bat Boxes	Contact Kent Bat Group	Contact form completed, response awaited.
051. Flooding	Cllr Cook queried whether the Town Council could bid for funding through the Flood Defence Grant in Aid. The Town Clerk agreed to look into the criteria.	Only Authorities are eligible to apply - "Authority" means an English risk management authority other than the Environment Agency, such as district, metropolitan district and county councils, unitary authorities, Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs), London boroughs, Highways Authorities and water companies.
Tree Policy	It was agreed that a Trees Policy should be developed in co-ordination with David Carey and the Tree Wardens. This would be added as an item for next meeting's Agenda and David	In the light of the number of deferred items from December 2023 meeting, this item will be listed in a future meeting and not January.

	Carey and Victoria Dickenson would be invited to attend.	