

**Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 7pm**  
**The Guildhall, Faversham**

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

**In Attendance:**

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

**152. Apologies for Absence**

None.

**153. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr T Martin Minute Item 159 NPI

Cllr BJ Martin Minute Item 159 NPI

**154. Minutes of the Town Council**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.***

**155. Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr T Martin reported on recent events attended including:

- Reception at Lydd Town Council
- Pearl WI inaugural meeting
- Formal opening of the Eye Services Unit at Faversham Medical Centre
- Mayor's Tombola which raised nearly £300 for the Mayor's Charities
- Carol Service at St Mary of Charity Church
- Reception at The Alexander Centre
- Reception for the volunteers of the Charters Exhibition and Faversham Society in The Guildhall
- Queen Elizabeth School Prize Giving at St Mary of Charity Church

- Blessing of the Seas Ceremony in Margate

**156. Heritage and Buildings Working Group**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Mayor and Cinque Port Champion writes to the Confederation informing them of the Town Council's pending acquisition of TS Hazard, inviting representatives to visit.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council agrees in principle to join the Friends of St. Mary of Charity and the Faversham Society as partners in Open Faversham.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Mayor writes to the National Maritime Museum informing them of the Town Council's pending acquisition of TS Hazard, inviting representatives down and exploring opportunities for borrowing works of art.***

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr P Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council gives higher regard to the town's railway heritage and remaining assets.***

It was noted the Road Naming Report and Appendix was awaiting amendment by the Independent Advisor and the recommendation would be deferred until the next meeting of the Town Council.

Regarding work being undertaken at 1 Market Place, it was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Mayor write to SBC expressing concerns and asking to be updated.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage and Buildings Working Group dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 subject to some minor amendments.***

**157. Active Travel Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.***

## 158. Appointment to Committees

### **Policy & Resources Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr C Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr Gibson to be appointed to the Policy & Resources Committee.***

### **Active Travel Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr C Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr Gibson to be appointed to the Active Travel Committee.***

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr Jones to be appointed to the Active Travel Committee.***

It was proposed by Cllr Newman, seconded by Cllr Golding, to nominate Cllr Saunders for appointment to the position as Chair of the Active Travel Committee.

**4 VOTES FOR/8 AGAINST/ 2 ABST**

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, to nominate Cllr C Martin for appointment to the position as Chair of the Active Travel Committee.

**8 VOTES FOR/4 AGAINST/2 ABST**

**The motion to nominate Cllr C Martin succeeds and Cllr C Martin is appointed as Chair of the Active Travel Committee.**

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr C Martin to be appointed to the LCWIP Advisory Group.***

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Perkin, to nominate Cllr Jones for appointment to the Environment Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Golding, to nominate Cllr Crayford for appointment to the Environment Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Cook, to nominate Cllr Gibson for appointment to the Environment Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to increase the number of appointments to the***

***Environment Committee, therefore allowing Cllrs Jones, Crayford, and Gibson, to be appointed to the Environment Committee.***

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr Perkin, to be appointed as Chair of the Environment Committee.***

A Vice Chair for the Environment Committee will be elected at its next meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr Gibson to be appointed to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.***

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr Rowlands to be appointed to the Complaints Committee.***

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllrs Gibson and Jones to be appointed to the HWRC Working Group.***

**159. Receipts and Payments**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree receipts and payments for January 2024.***

**12 VOTES FOR/2 ABST**

**APPENDIX ONE – Questions from Members of the Public**

Cllr Perkin advised that she had been contacted regarding a progress update on the public footpath running along St Mary of Charity Church and Abbey Place. Cllr Perkin advised she was awaiting responses from the parties involved and would update the member of the public accordingly.

A second query was received by Cllr Perkin regarding earth bunds at The Abbey School, their impact on the view, and flooding. Cllr T Martin advised the Town Council had not received notification regarding the earth bunds and it was agreed that Cllr Perkin would respond to the query.