

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
9th October 2023, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Cllr T Martin (Chair)	Present	Cllr BJ Martin	Present
Cllr Rowlands	Present	Cllr C Martin	Apology
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Crayford	Present	Cllr Saunders	Apology
Cllr Eyre	Present	Cllr Thomas	Apology
Cllr Golding	Present	Cllr Williams	Apology

In Attendance:

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

105. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs C Martin, Sauders, Thomas, and Williams.

106. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

107. Minutes of the Town Council

Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meetings dated 18th September 2023.***

It was noted that KCC had not yet commenced the consultation on the HWRC.

108. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr T Martin reported on recent engagements including a visit to the Romney, Hythe and Dychurch Railway, and the Cinque Ports Speakers Day.

On 11th October, Cllr T Martin would be attending a dedication of the new Crematorium at Boughton-under-Blean, and the Faversham Carnival would be taking place on 14th October.

109. Discover Faversham Working Group

Subject to a minor amendment under Minute Item 001 Election of a Chair should read "seconded by Cllr Coniam", it was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr

Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Discover Faversham Working Group dated 11th September 2023.**

110. Community Committee

Cllr Crayford congratulated Cllr Rowlands and Cllr Perkin for nominations in the NALC Star Council Awards.

Cllr Rowlands reported under Minute Item 030 Matters for Report it had been agreed to add an item about the Pump Track to the next Agenda. Subject to this amendment, it was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 18th September 2023.**

111. Policy & Resources Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee dated 2nd October 2023.**

Cllr Crayford advised Cllr Saunders had been nominated in his absence for representation on the Strategic/Budget Working Group and it was noted that if he was unable to take up the position a further nomination would be made.

112. Newsletter

Cllr BJ Martin requested alternative colours were used for the Newsletter for ease of reading for people with Dyslexia.

It was agreed to seek the use of an alternative photo for the front cover of the recent demonstration regarding the HWRC at County Hall. It was noted there was an alternative photo taken by the Kent Messenger that could be used.

The importance of removing political badges when on Town Council functions was noted.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the draft Autumn Newsletter subject to alternative colours and an alternative photo being used for the front cover.**

113. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree receipts and approve payments for October 2023.**

Appendix One

Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Goodwin raised safety concerns about the Cleve Hill Solar Power Station currently in the planning process through SBC. In Mr Goodwin's view this was beyond what could be considered reasonable for a local authority to consider in the planning process as it required detailed technical knowledge. It was agreed this was an issue on a national level regarding planning legislation.

It was agreed that Councillors would make individual submissions through the Planning Portal regarding their concerns on the proposals.

Councillors extended their thanks to Mr Harold Goodwin and Mr David Melville of the Faversham Society for their work on the matter.