

**Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council**  
**11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7pm**  
**The Guildhall, Faversham**

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

**In Attendance:**

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)  
Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

**087. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllr Coniam and Cllr Williams.

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

Cllr BJ Martin DPI Minute Item 098 Perry Court  
Cllr H Perkin DNPI Minute Item 090 Mayor's Announcements (Hop Festival)

**089. Minutes of the Town Council**

Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr C Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meetings dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023.***

Cllr Perkin reported the responses on behalf of the Council to the KCC Consultations on Family Hubs and Domestic Abuse Strategy had been submitted and thanked Cllr Crayford for his input.

**090. Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr T Martin reported on the success of Open Faversham, his attendance at the Canterbury House Care Home fete, Bysing Wood Primary School's Anniversary celebrations, a meeting with the Creek Working Group and the Department for Transport, the opening of the Faversham Model Railway Club, and the Faversham in Bloom presentations at the Abbey Physic Garden.

Cllr T Martin and Cllr Crayford paid tribute to the organisers of the Hop Festival, and it was agreed to write to them to thank them for their excellent work. Cllr Rowlands advised he would put forward a motion at the Community Committee

to recommend the Mayor's Award be presented to the street cleansing team responsible for the clean-up.

Cllr T Martin referred to the St Nicholas Allotment Signing Ceremony and the work of the Town Council staff and members of the Allotment Group who had worked hard to develop the site.

**091. Heritage Working Group**

Subject to a minor correction under Minute Item 8 the word "Busks" should read "Busts", 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 Working Group dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.***

**092. Policy and Resources Committee**

Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.***

**093. Faversham HWRC Working Group**

Cllr Crayford referred to the Minutes dated 19<sup>th</sup> July and advised that the action concerning the Public Meeting had not been recorded accurately, it had been agreed that Cllr Thomas would chair the meeting, with Cllr T Martin, Cllr Hook, and Cllr Lehmann to speak.

Cllr Thomas referred to the planned demonstration at County Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> September and advised the KCC HWRC Consultation had been further delayed.

Cllr Saunders referred to his suggestion of having a stall on market days to keep up public engagement and it was agreed that this would be taken forward dependent on the availability of Councillors.

Subject to the amendment raised by Cllr Crayford, it was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Faversham HWRC Working Group dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.***

**094. Community Transport Working Group**

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the motion that the Town Council enters into a 3-year lease agreement for a minibus to facilitate the Community Transport Scheme, from funding provided by KCC grant.***

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Transport Working Group dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023.***

**095. Faversham Creek Working Group**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr C Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the recommendations contained within the Minutes of the Faversham Creek Working Group dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Subject to a minor spelling amendment under item 6, it was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Faversham Creek Working Group dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**096. KCC Transport Local Plan Consultation**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the draft response to the LTP 5 consultation.**

**10 VOTES FOR/2 ABST.**

**097. DMMO Application for Footpath from Flood Lane to North Lane**

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council applies to Kent County Council for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) claiming the pathway running from the section of Flood Lane that is a public highway and from Brent Hill in front of the Purifier building, along the Creekside to North Lane is a public highway and should be added to the definitive map. In addition to delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Active Travel Committee to lobby the new owner of the Morrisons site to propose this pathway as a Public Right of Way with KCC themselves and to take steps to improve the safety of pedestrians using the pathway.**

**098. Perry Court**

Cllr Perkin left the meeting at 8:15pm. Cllr BJ Martin left the meeting during this discussion.

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Golding, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to refer to the Environment Committee the matter of the Perry Court open spaces to be transferred and to make a decision.**

**6 VOTES FOR/4  
ABST.**

**099. TS Hazard and Town Quay**

Cllr BJ Martin returned to the meeting.

An amendment to the motion recorded on the Agenda was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Crayford, as follows:

The Town Council accepts the Report at this stage on the condition that more business and financial planning work is done to strengthen the development plan and minimize any financial risk to residents prior to any final agreement to transfer TS Hazard and the Town Quay.

**4 VOTES FOR/7 AGAINST**

The amendment failed.

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council accepts the Report to Swale Borough Council requesting the transfer of TS Hazard and Town Quay into its ownership.**

<b>Cllr Cook</b>	FOR	<b>Cllr T Martin</b>	FOR
<b>Cllr Crayford</b>	ABSTAINED	<b>Cllr Newman</b>	ABSTAINED
<b>Cllr Eyre</b>	FOR	<b>Cllr Rowlands</b>	ABSTAINED
<b>Cllr Golding</b>	ABSTAINED	<b>Cllr Saunders</b>	ABSTAINED
<b>Cllr BJ Martin</b>	FOR	<b>Cllr Thomas</b>	FOR
<b>Cllr C Martin</b>	FOR		

**6 VOTES FOR/5  
ABST.**

**100. Bike APP**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the conclusion of the bike hire trial giving one month's notice, as SBC funding has been expended.**

**101. Swale Borough Council Eastern Area Committee Representative**

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Golding, to nominate Cllr Saunders to be the representative on the Eastern Area Committee for Faversham Town Council.

**4 VOTES FOR/7 VOTES AGAINST**

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr C Martin, to nominate Cllr Rowlands to be the representative on the Eastern Area Committee for Faversham Town Council.

**7 VOTES FOR/4 VOTES AGAINST**

It was therefore **RESOLVED that Cllr Rowlands is the representative on the Eastern Area Committee for Faversham Town Council.**

**102. Receipts and Payments**

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

**103. Private Session**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.**

**104. Staffing Committee**

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 Staffing Committee dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**