

6th November 2023

TO ALL MEMBERS OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Meeting of Faversham Town Council to be held on **Monday 13th November 2023** at **7.00pm** in The Guildhall, Faversham.

Yours sincerely

Louise Bareham

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Town Clerk

The Mayor will allow a maximum of thirty minutes for Members of the Council to receive questions from registered electors of the Town before the formal meeting commences. When providing your name and address prior to addressing the meeting, please confirm or otherwise, that you consent to your personal details being recorded in the Minutes. Your personal data will be processed as directed by GDPR Article 5. At the start of the meeting the Mayor will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed or audio recorded. The whole of the meeting can be recorded, except where there are confidential or exempt items. If any member of the public has an objection to being filmed, please make yourself known to the Mayor or the Town Clerk before the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
To receive apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
Members who have an interest to declare on any items on the Agenda, must declare the existence and nature of it at the start of the meeting and act in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (s27 Localism Act 2011).
3. Faversham Town Council
To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 18th October 2023 and any matters for report.

4. Mayor's Announcements

To receive the Mayor's Announcements.

5. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

To receive the Minutes of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group dated 16th October 2023 and agree any recommendations.

In order to make decision making on matters of equality, diversity and inclusion more efficient, Cllr Rowland proposes the following motion "*that this council agrees the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion working group is disbanded and instead the work programme of that group sits as a standing item on the agenda of the Community Committee and any members of the working group, not already on said committee, be immediately co-opted.*"

6. Black History Month Booklet

Cllr Perkin proposes the motion "*that this council approves and prints the booklet entitled 2000 Year History of Black People in Faversham and East Kent with funding set aside from the ED&I budget.*"

7. HWRC Working Group Minutes

To receive the Minutes of the HWRC Working Group dated 26th October 2023 and agree any recommendations.

8. Creek Working Group

To receive the Minutes of the Creek Working Group dated 1st November 2023 and agree any recommendations.

9. Policy and Resources Committee

To receive the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 6th November 2023 (tabled).

10. Consultation on Swale Borough Council's Draft Street Trading Policy

Swale Borough Council's Street Trading Policy outlines the Council's approach to the licensing of street trading throughout the borough. It is used when making decisions about whether to grant or refuse street trading consents and provides guidance to existing licence holders, new applicants and the public alike

The aim of having a Street Trading Policy is to create a street trading environment which is sensitive to the needs of the public and businesses, provides quality consumer choice and contributes to the character and ambience of the local environment whilst ensuring public safety, and preventing crime and nuisance.

SBC have reviewed their current policy and there are only two minor changes to it. The changes proposed are to increase clarity for those applying for street

trading consents and/or organising events and address issues regarding the interpretation and implementation of the existing policy.

This consultation is open to Councillors, parish and town councils, residents and businesses and your comments would be most welcome. The draft policy will be available to be viewed at www.swale.gov.uk/consultations

11. Kent Active Travel Plan

Kent County Council are consulting on proposals for 30 new and improved walking, wheeling, and cycling routes and zones as part of a countywide Kent Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP). The feedback they have received so far has been used to help identify and prioritise 15 walking and wheeling zones and 15 cycling routes, which will form the first version of the KCWIP. Kent County Council is requesting feedback help finalise the plan. The consultation is open until 10 January 2024.

Cllr Saunders proposes the following motion *“that the town council delegates responsibility for responding to the KCWIP to the Active Travel Committee.”*

12. Christmas

Christmas and New year can be a difficult time for many people. Given the cost-of-living crisis this year may be particularly hard. The Town council should show leadership in helping the community to reduce and prevent such things as loneliness, poverty and poor mental health.

Cllr Perkin proposes the motion that *“The town council resolves to work with the Community Networking Group to put together resources for social media, posters and fliers for businesses, signposting people to appropriate support services during this period and agrees to vire £1,500 from the EMR Special Projects to assist.”*

13. Receipts and Payments

To resolve to agree receipts and approve payments for November 2023

14. Private Session

To RESOLVE 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.

15. Creek Working Group

To consider private matters on the Minutes of the Creek Working Group dated 1st November 2023

Councillors: Please note that a short briefing session will be held for the Cross Town Walking Route Exhibition at the close of the meeting.