

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Faversham Town Council
18th October 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	Apology
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)

114. Apologies for Absence

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

115. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr K Golding DNPI Minute Item 118 Active Travel Committee

Cllr BJ Martin DNPI Minute Item 118 Active Travel Committee

Cllr C Martin DNPI Minute Item 118 Active Travel Committee

116. Minutes of the Town Council

Cllr BJ Martin referred to Appendix 1 – Questions from Members of the Public and reported that SBC had advised they were seeking expert advice on the matter and Councillors who had expressed their concerns would be kept informed.

Cllr Rowlands referred to Minute Item 112 Newsletter and noted that the matter of colours and fonts used in the Newsletter had been referred to the Policy & Resources Committee for a policy to be developed.

It was agreed to amend the following sentence:

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

To read:

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

Under Minute Item 111, Cllr Saunders advised he was agreeable to being nominated to sit on the Strategic/Budget Working Group.

Subject to the amendments noted, Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 9th October 2023.**

117. Mayor’s Announcements

Cllr T Martin reported on recent engagements including attendance at an Open Faversham group meeting and it was planned to hold similar events between 17th-25th August 2024 and suggested the Community Committee and the Heritage & Buildings Working Group could see how they could participate.

Other engagements reported included:

- Dedication of the Faversham & Mid-Kent Memorial Park & Crematorium
- Cinque Ports Champions online meeting
- Faversham Carnival
- TS Hazard site meeting

Cllr T Martin expressed his thanks to the Carnival Club for their organization of the Faversham Carnival.

118. Active Travel Committee

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee meeting dated 5th October 2023.**

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council contribute £10,000 towards the North South Walking Route project.**

Cllr Thomas referred to the Cross-Town Walking Exhibition to be held in the Town Hall Exhibition Space between 18th-26th November 2023. It was planned to have CGI images of up to four interventions rather than relying solely on technical drawings. The junctions were Ospringe Rd/Lower Road/South Road/St Ann’s Road, Napleton Road/South Road, Bank Street/Cross Lane, and Gatefield Road/Newton Road.

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Golding, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the quote from Company B of £800 + VAT for each image.**

119. Heritage and Buildings Working Group

Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage and Buildings Working Group dated 4th October 2023.***

120. Statement of Common Ground

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve and sign the Statement on Common Ground between Faversham NP SG and Swale Borough Council.***

121. Notice of Conclusion of Audit – Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

The Town Clerk's response to the External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2022/23 was received and noted.

122. Receipts and Payments

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

123. Private Session

Cllr T Martin proposed, 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 confidential nature of the business to be transacted.***

124. Black History Month

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was agreed to have Mr Tayo Aluko speak at the Black History Month talk entitled "In Art as a Weapon - Some Pan-Africanist Examples".

Cllr Newman thanked Cllr Perkin for her work in securing Mr Aluko for the event.