



Environment Committee Meeting

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 7.30pm The Guildhall

Cllr Perkin
Cllr Newman
Cllr Jones
Martin Collins

Cllr Golding
Cllr Eyre
Cllr Crayford
Matthew Hatchwell

Cllr Cook
Cllr Gibson

Dear Committee Member

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a meeting of Faversham Town Council's Environment Committee to take place at The Guildhall, on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.30pm when the following business will be transacted. This meeting will be hybrid and members of the public may attend via Zoom.

Yours sincerely

Louise Bareham

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Town Clerk

A maximum of 15 minutes to be allowed to receive public questions and comments on items on the Agenda.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest for items listed on the Agenda

3. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**
To agree the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 13th March 2024 and any matters arising.
4. **Fly Tipping Hotspots**
To receive a report from Cllr Crayford (tabled).
5. **No Mow May**
To consider actions for No Mow May
6. **Bats**
Following advice from the Kent Bat Group, to agree to purchase bat boxes from Abbey Physic Garden.

To consider additional events in liaison with the Kent Bat Group.
7. **Kent Wilder Town Awards**
To consider participating in Kent Wilder Town Awards
<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/whats-on/wilder-kent-awards>
8. **Allotments**
To receive an allotment report and agree actions (tabled).
9. **Items for Report**
Future Agenda items.



Actions and Matters Arising

ITEM	BACKGROUND	PROGRESS
018. Solar Panels in Conservation Areas	Write to SBC	In progress
020. Interpretation panel for Westbrook Stream	New panel approved for Westbrook Stream	In progress
023. Fast Fashion	Cllr Perkin had also been in contact with Community Wardrobe based at Whitstable, who held a fashion swap shop and the Salvation Army who provided clothes and school uniforms. Simone Stolton suggested this could be a good item for a Climate Café and Cllr Perkin agreed to discuss this with her following the meeting.	In progress
031. Perry Court Land	Adopt the area of land being offered by BDW Homes (excluding allotment site, which has already previously been approved).	Solicitor instructed and in progress Inaugural meeting of allotments holders
035. Glass Bottle Recycling	Write to Swale Borough Council and the Supermarkets in the town to request bottle banks to be installed in their car parks.	In progress

<p>041. Environmental Improvements for North Preston</p>	<p>Cllr Cook advised he would consult with the North Preston Residents Association to see if they would participate in the project in terms of maintenance and consult with the Facilities Manager. Cllr Perkin referred to the need to consider possible external funding sources and asked to be kept informed on progress.</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>042. Areas for Improvement</p>	<p><u>Trees in Central Car Park</u> Cllr Perkin agreed to write to SBC regarding ways to increase irrigation to the trees in Central Car Park. The state of the brick wall bordering the footpath, which was leaning, would also be included in the letter.</p> <p><u>Rear of Poundland, Bank Street</u> The Town Clerk agreed to write to the landowner regarding clearing of the site and to consult with Poundland on the same issue. Cllr Cook suggested checking the original planning application, stating his belief that the land was always intended to be a community space.</p> <p><u>Sheerways</u> The Town Clerk advised she had contacted Taylor Wimpey, and they had referred the issue to their South Eastern division. A response was awaited.</p>	<p>Letter has been written and a response awaited.</p> <p>No further response from TW, but FTC is in direct talks with resident</p>
<p>043. Graffiti</p>	<p><u>FTC Staff responsibility for the removal of graffiti from private property and the charging scale & Draft Graffiti Policy</u> It was agreed to have further discussions with SBC regarding insurance and staff time and</p>	<p>Email sent to Martyn Cassell requesting meeting. Response awaited</p>

	costs, before recommending the draft Graffiti Policy to the Town Council.	
045. Nutrient Neutrality	Send a follow up letter to SBC Leader from the Mayor	Letter sent and holding response received from Cllr Gibson, SBC Leader (sent to MH for info).
049. Bat Boxes	Contact Kent Bat Group	Town Clerk in contact with Sean from Bat Group
Tree Policy	It was agreed that a Trees Policy should be developed in co-ordination with David Carey and the Tree Wardens. This would be added as an item for next meeting's Agenda and David Carey and Victoria Dickenson would be invited to attend.	In the light of the number of deferred items from December 2023 meeting, this item will be listed in a future meeting to be agreed.
059.	Support the Green Open Homes initiative with Kent County Council	Item has been shared on social media and the Town Council newsletter.
060.	Purchase a second thermal imaging camera	Purchased and in use
064.	Map planters	
072.	Faversham in Bloom funding for 2025/26	Request for £500 in next year's budget