

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
13th January 2024, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Cllr Rowlands (Chair)	Present	Cllr Golding	Apology
Cllr C Martin	Present	Cllr Jones	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr B Martin	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr T Martin	Present
Cllr Crayford	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Eyre	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Gibson	Present	Cllr Saunders	Present

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

337. Apologies for Absence

An apology with reasons was received from Cllr Golding.

338. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

339. Town Council Minutes

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 Town Council meeting dated 9th December 2024.***

340. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands wished everyone a Happy New Year and proceeded to provide a report of various events and functions he had attended including:

- QE School Prize Giving at St Mary of Charity Church
- Carols in Market Place
- Blessing of the Seas, Margate

341. Policy and Resources Committee

Cllr Cook proposed that all Faversham councillors and not just town councillors should be included. Cllr Eyre confirmed that the Kent County Councillor could be invited. Cllr Perkin seconded the amendment as she felt that the KCC Member or prospective candidates should not be excluded. A further debate took place on what the working group would look like.

An amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council set up a devolution working group under a proportional balance, with members, including all Faversham Councillors, to be nominated at the next full Council meeting.

7 FOR/ 2 AGAINST/2 ABST.

The amended motion therefore succeeds.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for the Devolution Working Group to consist of the Chair (Cllr Rowlands) Deputy Chair (Cllr C Martin) and 5 other members.**

6 FOR/2 AGAINST/2 ABST.

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for Cllr Crayford and Cllr Saunders to be members of the Devolution Working Group.**

*It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for Cllrs T Martin, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Eyre to be members of the Devolution Working Group.***

It was proposed by Cllr Eyre, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 6th January 2025.**

342. Environment Committee

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 8th January 2025.**

343. Active Travel Committee

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 9th January 2025 subject to a minor amendment under Minute Item 130 to read: "...it was RESOLVED to set up a meeting potentially including the Mayor, Adrian Oliver and potentially an officer from KCC Infrastructure Team with Shepherd Neame.**

344. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr B Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Receipts and Payments for January 2025.**

345. Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands seconded by Cllr T Martin, 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.***

346. Civic Regalia

The valuations of the civic regalia were noted.

The meeting concluded at 8.06pm