

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
8th July 2024, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

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

In Attendance:

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

253. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs Eyre, Cook, B Martin and Newman.

254. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

255. Faversham Town Council

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Jones, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 6th June 2024 with the following amendment;***

- ***Cllr C Martin noted that 247. Active Travel had the wrong Committe/working group (Creek Working Group).***

256. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands reported that he had attended the following events this month;

- Abbey Physic Gardens
- Opened Sea Scouts @ Ham Road
- Umbrella Centre
- Pirate Festival
- Industrial Bowls prize giving (70th Year Celebration)

Cllr Rowlands also shared his condolences on behalf of himself and all at the Town Council, to the families of Michael Henderson, Swale Borough Councillor,

Past Mayor of Swale and Faversham, and John Coulter, past Faversham Town Councillor. All Councillors and staff at the meeting observed a minute's silence in memory of them.

257. Policy and Resources Committee

Cllr T Martin gave an update. It was recommended to appoint another councillor to carry out the audits, alongside Cllr Eyre. Cllr Saunders put himself forward for this role. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Crayford and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED to accept Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 1st July 2024 and to appoint Cllr Saunders as the second person for the monthly audits.***

258. Community Committee

Cllr Coniam discussed the minutes. The Town Clerk will chase up on the invitation to all councillors regarding the book launch. Cllr Perkin shared her views on how great the Midsummer Night's Feast was, and how well it was run. The only comments were people asking for more seating. It was proposed by Cllr Coniam, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept Minutes of the Community Committee dated 17th June 2024.***

259. Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee

Cllr T Martin gave an update. 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 Minutes of the Heritage, Building and Creek Committee dated 5th June 2024 with the following amendments;***

- ***Item 1 – election typo error.***
- ***Proposed by Cllr T Martin not C/B Martin. (Didn't state item)***
- ***Cllr Crayford wasn't present at this meeting, and to get this altered.***

260. Community Transport Working Group

Cllr C Martin gave an update. It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Transport Working Group dated 11th June 2024.***

261. LCWIP Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Crayford and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to elect Cllr Saunders as the Chair of the LCWIP Working Group.***

262. Summer Newsletter

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to

the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to approve the draft newsletter with minor amendments.**

263. Land at South East Faversham

Cllr Crayford proposes the following motion '*Faversham Town Council considers putting documents on public display for the South East Faversham planning application. Discussions were had on this motion. It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Crayford and on being put to the meeting, it was* **RESOLVED to accept the following reworded motion 'Faversham Town Council to consider putting documents on public display for the South East Faversham planning application and agrees to refer the issue to the Policy and Resources Committee to recommend best course of action.'**

FOR -ALL

264. Kings Foundation Funding

Cllr Crayford proposes the following motion '*To protect the council from criticism or unfair challenges regarding integrity, transparency and honesty, the council needs to understand how the Council's actions, however justified and well meaning, could look to the residents of Faversham.*

It is likely, that the majority of Faversham residents would perceive that the King's Foundation and The Duchy of Cornwall do have an association however indirectly, via the royal family. With perception, it is irrelevant, if this view is true or not.

To prevent any risk of incorrect public assumptions about the council's attitude to the South East Faversham planning application submitted by the Duchy of Cornwall and the Duchy itself, the Town Council agrees to pause all communication with the Kings Foundation until Swale Borough Council have made their decision on the planning application submitted by the Duchy of Cornwall. This will protect the council from the public criticism and help to re-enforce our commitment to the Nolan Principles'.

On the above motion being put forward to the council the following votes were received- FOR x 3 / AGAINST x 6 / ABST x 1 (AGAINST)

Cllr Rowlands-ABST, Cllr Crayford-FOR, Cllr Saunders-FOR, Cllr Golding-FOR, Cllr T Martin-AGAINST, Cllr C Martin-AGAINST, Cllr Coniam-AGAINST, Cllr Perkin-AGAINST, Cllr Jones-AGAINST, Cllr Gibson-AGAINST.

265. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr C Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree receipts and payments for July 2024.**

1 x ABST (Cllr Crayford)

266. 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 nature of the business to be transacted.

267. Staffing Committee

The Minutes of the Staffing Committee dated 3rd June 2024 were proposed by Cllr Rowlands and seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes.***

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm

APPENDIX ONE-Public Questions

Question One- A member of the public raised the following concerns;

1. Incorrect minutes recorded regarding what he said previously.
2. Charges to the bins through SBC
3. Footpath
4. Bund at Abbey School

Responses to the above;

1. It's an appendix to the Minutes.
2. Unfortunately, the Council cannot respond on another council's policy.
3. KCC have to prioritise their jobs by the risk, only so much we can do. It was suggested that the member of public contact Cllr Hook.
4. Awaiting on outside bodies, the council can only do so much.