

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
11th November 2024, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

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

In Attendance:

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

307. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs C Martin, Cook, Eyre, Golding, and Perkin.

308. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

309. Town Council Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 14th October 2024.***

310. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands provided a summary of the events he had attended including:

- Sevenoaks and Swanley Heritage Tour
- FTC's Howl-o-ween Dog Parade
- Installation of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports
- The visit to Faversham by the new Lord Warden, Admiral Sir George Zambellas GCB, DSC, ADC, DL
- Mayor's Charity Quiz
- Remembrance Day Parade

311. Community Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Coniam, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Town Council:***

- 1) **Adopt the White Ribbon Accreditation Action Plan**
- 2) **Cllr Rowlands be nominated as the Senior Leader**
- 3) **The Town Clerk be nominated as the Lead Contact**
- 4) **A Working Group be set up to include Cllr Coniam, Cllr T Martin, Cllr Crayford, Cllr B J Martin**
- 5) **For Councillors to become either a Champion or an Ambassador to contact the Town Clerk to receive the relevant training/sign-up information.**
- 6) **To make a sum payment with a 5% discount, with payment from EDI earmarked reserves.**

It was proposed by Cllr Coniam, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 21st October 2024.**

Cllr Crayford highlighted that White Ribbon Day was on 25th November and it was agreed the way to mark it would be discussed at the next Community Committee meeting on 18th November.

312. Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee dated 2nd October 2024.**

313. Policy and Resources Committee

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED:**

- 1) **to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 4th November 2024**
- 2) **Use the feedback from the Residents' Survey when developing the Budget and Strategic Plan for 2025/2026.**

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to note the conclusion of the 2023/2024 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) with no matters raised.**

314. Revision of the Faversham Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Cllr Saunders provided a summary of the summary of updates made to the LCWIP.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) **Agree the revised LCWIP**
- 2) **Confirm with Swale Borough Council whether it needs to be resubmitted to the Swale Joint Transportation Board.**

8 FOR/1 ABST.

315. Government Consultation

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for Councillors to feedback their thoughts on the Government Consultation on introducing powers for local authority members to apply to the relevant authority to attend formal council meetings remotely and vote by proxy in certain circumstances. The matter of proxy votes will be discussed at the next meeting.**

316. Review of Polling Stations

It was agreed that Councillors within their Wards would respond to the polling stations consultation.

317. 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.**

318. Staffing Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr B Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Staffing Committee dated 4th November 2024.**

8 FOR/1 ABST.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public raised issues he had been experiencing in Flood Lane with tents that had pitched up in the green space there. A man living in one of the tents had been very confrontational and threatening to local residents and was noted in town begging, drinking, and involved in drug related activities.

Cllr BJ Martin advised he would contact the Community Safety Unit and ask them to consider an Anti-social Behaviour Dispersal Order. It was noted the local Police Officers were aware of the situation and dealing with the matter. It was noted the matter would be discussed by the Community Committee at the next meeting.

A member of the public queried whether the date of the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee on the Town Council website was correct for 5th January 2025.

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- **Secretary's Note**

The date of the meeting is 5th February 2025, and this has been corrected on the Town Council website.