

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
10th February 2025, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

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

In Attendance:

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

347. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs C Martin, Crayford, Golding, and B Martin.

348. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

349. Town Council Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 13th January 2025.***

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Annual Finance Meeting dated 20th January 2025 subject to the following amendments:***

- ***Cllr Cook to be recorded as Present***
- ***The line: 19.25 Cllr Newman joined the meeting to be moved to before the vote box on Cllr Saunders' proposal to reduce the Community Events budget.***

350. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands provided a report of various events and functions he had attended including:

- Carnival Selection

- Talk by Graham Upton, the artist behind the mural at Faversham Station underpass
- Re-opening of The Pottery Room at Standard Quay

351. Policy and Resources Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Eyre, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 3rd February 2025.***

352. Heritage Creek and Buildings Committee

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage Creek and Buildings Committee dated 5th February 2025.***

353. Active Travel Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 6th February 2025 subject to minor amendments including the removal of a line under Minute Item 137, regarding pavement on the A2 and under Minute Item 138, the Rec Car Park is located in Park Road.***

354. Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Working Group dated 23rd January 2025.***

355. Mayor Elect 2025-2026

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to nominate Cllr Rowlands as Mayor Elect 2025-2026.***

1 ABST.

356. Deputy Mayor Elect 2025-2026

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to nominate Cllr C Martin as Deputy Mayor Elect 2025-2026.***

357. Spring 2025 Newsletter

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to remove the advert submitted by Helen Whately MP.***

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| Cllr Rowlands | ABSTAINED | Cllr Saunders | AGAINST |
| Cllr T Martin | AGAINST | Cllr Cook | FOR |
| Cllr Gibson | FOR | Cllr Newman | AGAINST |
| Cllr Eyre | FOR | Cllr Jones | FOR |

4 FOR/3 AGAINST/1 ABST.

On receiving further information from the Town Clerk around delivery times being booked for 1st week in March, it was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to re-open the discussion on the paid advertisement submitted by Helen Whately MP.**

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to reinstate the page including the paid advertisement by Helen Whately MP.**

6 FOR/2 AGAINST.

It was agreed that on page 14 on the budget table to change Office and Administration to Staffing and Administration and remove the moneybag graphic.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the draft Spring 2025 Newsletter subject to the minor amendments discussed.**

7 FOR/1 ABST.

358. Calendar of Meetings 2025-2026

Cllr T Martin referred to recent clashes of meetings with Swale Borough Council and the need to try and avoid this where possible.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the draft Calendar of Meetings 2025-2026 subject to further discussions on the start time of Committee meetings.**

359. Annual Report 2024/2025

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the draft Annual Report 2024/2025 subject to minor changes including:**

- **Mayor's photo on page 18.**
- **Change the pie charts to remove the question numbers and to increase the size of the pie charts to quarter page for each pie chart.**

- ***Residents Survey – change first line to more positive about response rate.***
- ***Cllr T Martin's photo to be altered so he is fully in frame and to standardise photos so all Councillors are in robes.***

360. Receipts and Payments

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

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm