

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

17th June 2024 7:30pm
The Guildhall

Cllr Coniam (Chair)	Present	Cllr Perkin	Apology
Cllr Rowlands	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Saunders	Substitute
Cllr Golding	Apology	Cllr Gibson	Substitute
Cllr Jones	Apology		

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions

None

077. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Perkin.

Cllr Golding substituted by Cllr Saunders

Cllr Jones substituted by Cllr Gibson.

078. Declarations of Interest

None.

079. Minutes and Matters Arising

Cllr Rowlands noted 071-pushed back due to elections.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 15th April 2024.**

080. Vice Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Rowlands as the Vice Chair.**

081. Terms of Reference

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to agree terms of reference.**

082. Community Engagement Strategy

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to agree the Community Engagement Strategy and come back to other forms of media on a later date.**

083. Community Lottery

We are continuing to look at different ways to promote the lottery and it has been promoted alongside the community bus.

084. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to adopt the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.**

An update was given on the Black History Book. Cllr Rowlands expressed his huge thanks to the Town Council, particularly Rob Gibbs. Cllr Gibson felt it would be a good idea to give a free copy to every primary and secondary school in the area, if this is possible to do so.

It was proposed by Cllr Newman, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to charge £3.00 per book, for the Black History Book.**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to invite School Leads, Faversham Society, Councillors and then members of public, to the launch of the Black History Book, being held at the Guildhall on Thursday 17th July 2024. (Guildhall's maximum capacity is 50).**

085. Discover Faversham/Tourism Strategy

The Town Clerk discussed the proposal to apply for TAG funding to update the current Visit Faversham website, which is part of the Visit Swale website. She did raise concerns that it would mean becoming a Visit Kent investor which would have annual financial implications, together with the website annual costs, which amounted to approximately £5,000. Cllr Rowlands felt we should move away from Visit Swale and move towards Visit Kent. Set up a specific budget for tourism and apply for grants.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to go ahead with the above proposal if we get the grant, but if we are unsuccessful in getting the grant, we don't go ahead.**
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It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to make Discover Faversham and Tourism Strategy a Standing Item.**

086. Youth Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Golding, Cllr Coniam and Cllr Rowlands as members of the Youth Working Group.**

087. Faversham Community Networking Group

The update on Volunteers week and the production of volunteer badges was noted. Thanks were given and the badges look great.

088. Events

An update on events was received. D-Day received lovely comments and compliments were given from the Councillors, as to what an amazing day it

was. Midsummer Night's Feast being held 6-9pm on Saturday 22nd June 2024. Pirates Festival leaflets have come in. A new Medieval event has been added to the mix. The Town Clerk wants to get some footfall figures at the upcoming events. Cllr Rowlands wants to send huge praise to the Town Council Staff.

089. Matters for Report

None.

The meeting closed at 20:30