

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

15th July 2024 7:30pm
The Guildhall

Cllr Coniam (Chair)	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Rowlands	Present	Cllr Jones	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Golding	Present

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions

Cllr Crayford- Discussed his concerns regarding the graffiti damage at West Faversham Community Association.

090. Apologies for Absence

None.

091. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rowland noted a Non-Pecuniary Interest as a member of Faversham Community Network Group and the Foodbank.

Cllr Perkin noted a Non-Pecuniary Interest as a Trustee of the Foodbank.

Cllr Golding noted a Non-Pecuniary Interest as a Volunteer of the Foodbank.

Cllr Coniam noted a Non-Pecuniary Interest as a Trustee of the Foodbank.

092. Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Coniam and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 17th June 2024.**

093. Community Lottery

The Operator Report was noted.

094. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Cllr Perkin gave an update on ED&I matters.

- 17/7-Launch of 2000 years of Black History in East Kent.
- Horrendous what has happened to WFCA and the Town Council condemn it.
- Emails received regarding wanting to light up the Guildhall for various events. Cllr Pekin will bring a calendar of events to the next meeting. Town Clerk commented on this- awaiting on price for a system for projecting onto the Town Hall. Once we've received this, the Town Clerk will apply for its funding.
- Congratulate the Town Council on becoming an Accredited Living Wage Employer and Disability Competent Employer. Thanks to the Town Council staff.
- Cllr Perkin will put a draft response together for the Town Sanctuary Status.

Cllr Rowlands raised his concerns against ageism and will research some more into this.

095. Discover Faversham / Tourism Strategy

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Jones and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to vire £2,000 from EMR333 Tourism to fund additional hours to carry out footfall counts (approx. 20 counts in a 12 month period).**

096. Youth Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Golding and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to agree the Youth Grant Policy with the following amendment; 'Organisations can apply for a maximum of £4000.00 in one financial year, through the Youth Grant Fund'**

097. Events

The Events Officer provided a report on events. Cllr Rowlands noted the Midsummer Night Feast and Faversham in the Forty's events, came in under budget. Cllr Rowlands gave his thanks to the Events Officer on the success of her events.

098. Faversham Community Networking Group

An update was given by the Town Clerk.

Volunteer badges have been well received, there are still some more to give out. We have contacted groups but have not heard back yet. Every group is welcome to join. All based around volunteers and how we can thank them. Z-Fold is going well. We'd like to reach out to employers to ask them to put them in their staff rooms for their employees to have easy access to them. Thanks were given to the Community Networking Group for the free food for families during the summer. More thanks were given to the Community Networking Group for the report they provided on the council funding over Christmas.

099. Matters for Report

- Request for Strike Force to present to the committee.
- Report of Civil Awareness Day- provided by Cllr Perkin.
- Draft report for City Sanctuary application- provided by Cllr Perkin

The meeting closed at 20:30