

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

17th February 2025 7:30pm
The Guildhall

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| Cllr Coniam (Chair) | Apology | Cllr Perkin | Apology |
| Cllr Rowlands | Present | Cllr Jones | Apology |
| Cllr Cook | Present | Cllr Golding | Apology |
| Cllr Newman | Apologies | Cllr Saunders | Substitution |
| Cllr B J Martin | Substitution | Cllr Gibson | Substitution |

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham -Town Clerk

Laurie McMahon – Faversham Healthy Futures

The Chair offered thanks to Lee Suter for his presentation prior to the start of the meeting. Lee’s presentation will be available on the meeting page of the website.

Public Questions

Harold Goodwin provided an update on Open Faversham meeting, with thanks to Town Clerk and Events Officer. He asked whether we identify people who are not part of Open Faversham but make up the rich heritage of the town. The event has been moved to half term in May as they want to see more items for children and keen to reach out to organisations who can help with this. Deadline for brochure copy on 9th April. The Town Clerk will email groups for events to be included, perhaps those that are already being undertaken could be included. It was also suggested to email community lottery groups.

147. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Newman, Cllr Golding, substituted by Cllr Saunders, Cllr Coniam, substituted by Cllr Gibson and Cllr Perkin, substituted by Cllr B J Martin.

148. Declarations of Interest

None.

149. Minutes and Matters Arising

Cllr Rowlands provided the following updates - West Faversham Community Centre have been signed up as a databank; he had reached out to Porchlight with regard to work on homelessness, although there is some difficulty as they do not officially cover Faversham.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands , seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 17th January 2025.**

150. Faversham Healthy Futures

Laurie McMahon provided an update on the project, the prompts of which were the demise of the CCGs and centralisation of commissioning at ICS/ICB. Started in 2023 with an exhibition and survey, which were very successful and

came up with four main themes. In 2024 a live talk which provided a sophisticated conversation. A system has now been co-designed. They were invited to speak to a symposium called Prevention: Making it Happen, where they explained what had been happening in Faversham. Attendees were given postcards to complete and received 60 or so returned. It's very much community based with local programmes.

The next steps will be to maintain relationships and launch a large scale public engagement in May, with a working title of What should we expect? It hopes to drawing people from across the community and schools to co-produce our Faversham Health and Care Plan. Information will be available on the Faversham Healthy Futures page of the Town Council website. Gill and Laurie will work on the big event and report early summer.

Cllr Cook asked if they were a research organisation, the University of Kent carries out the research. The objective is for Faversham to have a much better idea of what they need, informing people and getting opinions to use as a lever.

151. Faversham and District Community Lottery

The Operator Report was noted. Some suggested amendments were noted for the proposed letters. It was also suggested a letter goes into the next edition of the newsletter. It was noted that Swale's lottery launch had been delayed again.

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the letters as amended to be sent out by Gatherwell.***

152. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The Town Clerk gave an update on the proposed Neurodiversity event, which includes an exhibition during the week and a talk on the Thursday evening.

Dementia Friendly – we have received working to become dementia friendly certificate of accreditation and now need to agree a date for awareness training for councillors and staff.

White Ribbon update – application and supporting documents have been forwarded to the Accreditation Panel for approval.

It was agreed to run a volunteer recruitment fair during Volunteers Week and it was suggested that something for young people should also be included, particularly for those undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would seek sponsorship for the Volunteer badges for 2025.

153. Annual Action Plan

Cllr Rowlands proposed seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer this item until regular committee members were in attendance.***

154. Defibrillator Action Plan

A discussion took place on the draft action plan. It was felt it needed to clearly define the objectives and should include some timescales, particularly 1 and 2. Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would provide a report against the action plan and the next steps to undertake linked to action plan at the next meeting. The objective was to ensure we have sufficient cover for defibrillators.***

155. Cinque Port Podcast

A discussion took place on the podcast, including where it would be available and what could be included as subject matter such as gunpowder history, Nelson. ***Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to vire £1,000 from EMR for tourism for the podcast.***

156. Matters for Report

None

Meeting closed at 20.34