

## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 7:30pm  
The Guildhall

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

### In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

### Public Questions

None.

### 112. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Golding, Jones, Newman, and Perkin. It was noted that Cllr Gibson was substituting for Cllr Jones, and Cllr Saunders was substituting for Cllr Golding.

### 113. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 114. 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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

### 115. Community Lottery

The Operator Report was noted.

Cllr Saunders felt it would be useful to see figures for ticket sales over the previous year. He felt it was disappointing that Swale BC were developing a lottery across the borough including Faversham with Gatherwell.

It was noted the Office Manager had attended a Gatherwell Webinar on promoting lotteries.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) The Town Clerk writes to Gatherwell to express the Council's disappointment at the lack of support for our lottery.**
- 2) The Town Council set aside a budget for promotion to reassure Faversham Good Causes on the benefits of staying with the Faversham Lottery.**
- 3) The Town Council does not promote the Swale Lottery but engages with Swale BC to ensure there is no direct conflict in their marketing.**

**116. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

The Town Clerk gave an update on ED&I matters.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the Meeting it was **RESOLVED for Councillors to contact the Town Clerk if they wished to see an EDI event marked by lighting up the Town Hall. The Town Clerk to have discretion in the event of conflicting requests.**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the MEETING it was **RECOMMENDED that the next Town Council meeting considers working towards White Ribbon Accreditation:**

- 1) Adopting the White Ribbon Accreditation Action Plan**
- 2) Nominating a Senior Leader**
- 3) Nominating a Lead Contact (Town Clerk)**
- 4) Setting up a Working Group and nominating members**
- 5) For all of these to agree to becoming either a Champion or Ambassador to take up these positions**
- 6) To agree payment of £495 per year for three years or one payment in total with 5% discount, with payment from EDI earmarked reserves.**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to work towards becoming an Age Friendly Town.**

**4 VOTES FOR/1 ABST.**

**117. Discover Faversham / Tourism**

The report on Tourism and Footfall was noted.

**118. Youth Grants**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Grant payments are made as follows:**

**Councillors' Scores Youth Grant 2024**

REF	PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	SCORE TOTAL	%	FINAL AWARD AMOUNT
<b>01</b>	1st Scouts	£1,500.00	79.00	75	1500.00
<b>02</b>	8th Sea Scouts	£1,313.00	57.00	54	
<b>03</b>	6th 13th Faversham Scouts	£1,995.00	58.00	55	

04	Creed Outdoor Learning	£2,275.00	102.00	97	2275.00
05	Faversham Scout Council	£1,500.00	67.00	64	
06	Faversham Swimming Club	£3,048.00	58.00	55	
07	Faversham Umbrella	£1,200.00	92.00	88	1200.00
08	GEMS	£4,000.00	98.00	93	4000.00
09	Sateda	£1,402.00	86.00	82	1402.00
10	Vibe	£4,000.00	76.00	72	623.00
11	WFCC £4k	£4,000.00	90.00	86	4000.00
12	WFCC £6K	£6,000.00	54.00	51	
		<b>£32,233.00</b>			<b>£15,000</b>

It was noted that following the termination of the contract with Vibe it was the wish of the Committee to see funding go to a range of providers covering all parts of the town. It was recognised that the Committee may look to set out priorities for future funding rounds.

**119. Awareness Days**

It was agreed this had been covered under Minute Item 116.

**120. Budget 2025-2026**

Cllr Coniam advised she had met with Cllr Rowlands and the Town Clerk to discuss a budget for the Committee which included justifiable increases for Events, Youth, and Tourism, due to increased activity, and cuts from other organisations, but Community and EDI would remain at the same level. The requests would be put forward at the Budget Workshop meeting.

**121. Matters for Report**

Defibrillators

Cllr Saunders suggested the Committee reviews the current provision and updates information, and research funding for increasing the provision of defibrillators.

Residents with Homeless and Alcohol Issues

Cllr Saunders suggested the Committee contacts Swale BC to look into extending the Public Spaces Protection Order due to recent developments at Flood Lane.

**The meeting closed at 8:45pm**