

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

17th March 2025 7:30pm
The Guildhall

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

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham -Town Clerk

Public Questions

157. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rowlands, Cook, Jones and Cllr Golding, who was substituted by Cllr Saunders

158. Declarations of Interest

None.

159. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minute 154 defibrillator action plan, a life was probably saved by the defibrillator at WFCC.

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

160. Faversham and District Community Lottery

The Operator Report was noted. A 6 month report was requested for the next month's meeting. It was agreed to advertise that £150,000 has been raised since starting, to showcase the good causes and use the Annual Meeting presentation of cheques for publicity.

161. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Cllr Coniam gave an update on the Neurodiversity event, which includes an exhibition during the week, a talk on the Thursday evening and a drop in session on Saturday morning.

Cllr Perkin reported on the action plan for becoming a town of sanctuary. Work has already started on some items, in particular when an Afghan family were supported a discussion took place on providing language classes. It was felt that we should be ambitious to assist other groups as a facilitator. We should recognise that a commitment was made back in April 2023, the draft motion is a bit more detailed than that previously agreed. Many organisations helped Ukrainians such as Faversham Umbrella, Foodbank, but the town council should consider how it can assist more. Cllr Perkin is happy to propose the motion at the next town council meeting and Cllr Newman will second. We will look at Deal Town Council as a model of good practice. We

can signpost to housing and other services which we are not responsible for. Priorities were considered as signposting and facilitating.

It was proposed by Cllr Coniam, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Town Sanctuary Plan***

162. Neighbourhood Watch and Citizens in Policing

The Town Clerk provided an update. It was noted that people were keen when the item went on social media. There is a lot of low level ASB, which hopefully this will help. It was agreed that there would be an appetite for developing NHW schemes in other areas and putting leaflets through the door would help. It was suggested that a leaflet about NHW schemes should be delivered to all households in Faversham.

163. Annual Action Plan

It was agreed to add the defibrillator action plan under specific projects. We should remain responsive to projects from FCNG and FHF. Consider how we can achieve Age Friendly status. If there are ongoing costs for defibrillators, consider these. Timescales needed on the action plan.

It was proposed by Cllr Newman, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the 2025-2026 Action Plan.***

164. Matters for Report

Defibrillator action plan
Report on the youth project
Lottery report 6 monthly

The meeting closed at 20.13