

## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7:30pm  
The Guildhall

Cllr Coniam (Chair)	Present	Cllr Crayford	Present
Cllr Rowlands	Present	Cllr Golding	Present
Cllr C Martin	Apology	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Perkin	Present		

### In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

### Public Questions:

Two residents from Stone Street expressed their concerns about speeding traffic, damage to vehicles, and issues involving flags being put on street furniture.

Cllr Perkin suggested writing to Kent Police for random speed checks.

### 257. Apologies for Absence

An apology was received and accepted from Cllr C Martin.

### 258. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 259. Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

### 260. CCTV Camera

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to install the CCTV Camera at Stone Street with a review in 6 months.**

**3 FOR/2 AGAINST/1 ABST.**

### 261. Faversham Citizens' Health Assembly

The minutes of the FCHA Working Group dated 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were noted.

### 262. Community Lottery

The Community Lottery Operator Report for April 2026 was received and noted.

The recent closure of Age UK Kent Rivers was noted and the Town Clerk advised she would contact them regarding their Community Lottery funds.

### 263. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

#### a) Community Projects Report

The Community Projects Report dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 was received and noted.

**b) Town of Sanctuary**

Cllr Perkin advised that she had drafted an Action Plan for 2026-2029, which she would circulate for the next meeting. Progress has also been made on the application process.

**c) Neurodiversity Week**

Cllr Coniam advised events would be deferred to 2027 due to organisational problems.

**d) International Women's Day**

Cllr Perkin expressed thanks to Claire Elliott (Events Officer) for her work organising the event to mark International Women's Day.

**264. Assets of Community Value**

Cllr Rowlands discussed the need to update the list of Assets of Community Value as there were a number of important community venues not currently on the list. Cllr Crayford suggested the West Faversham Community Centre, land at Davington Cricket Club and the land at Beech Close should be added and the importance of publicising this as anyone could nominate assets.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to make applications for the following community venues to be added to the Assets of Community Value list:***

- ***Faversham Umbrella***
- ***Age UK The Old Fire Station Building***
- ***United Reform Church, Preston Street***
- ***Abbey Physic Garden***
- ***West Faversham Community Centre***
- ***Land at Davington Cricket Club***

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to add the land at Beech Close to the applications for Assets of Community Value to be made***

**3 FOR/3 ABST.**

**265. Community Resilience**

The Community Resilience Report was received. Cllr Rowlands expressed his thanks for the work of the volunteer, Eleanor Williams, who was leading on the Community Resilience project.

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford for a member of Council staff to carry out the actions listed in the report.

An amended motion was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for the Community Officer to assess who would be best to complete the actions listed in the report.**

**3 FOR/2 AGAINST/1 ABST.**

**266. Protect and Prepare**

The report on Protect and Prepare was received. Cllr Rowlands expressed his thanks to Claire Elliott (Events Officer) for her work in preparing the report.

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the following recommendations contained within the report:**

- 1. Note the development and purpose of the Protect & Prepare webpage**
- 2. Support its continued use as a public safety and awareness resource**
- 3. Encourage engagement from local organisations, event organisers, and businesses**
- 4. Note the upcoming training engagement relating to Martyn's Law Public Protection Procedures**

**267. Employability Discussion**

A discussion was held following the recent presentation by Business Unboxed CIC. Cllr Crayford referred to the importance of engaging with local employers, and local organisations that help people into work to understand how barriers to employment could be broken down.

Cllr Crayford agreed to prepare a report for the next meeting.

**268. Matters for Report**

- Report on Employability
- Town of Sanctuary status

The meeting closed at 9:08pm.