

## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7:30pm

The Guildhall

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| Cllr Coniam (Chair)          | Apology | Cllr Perkin    | Present      |
| Cllr Rowlands (Acting Chair) | Present | Cllr Crayford  | Present      |
| Cllr C Martin                | Apology | Cllr Golding   | Apology      |
| Cllr Newman                  | Apology | Cllr BJ Martin | Substitution |

### In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

### Public Questions:

None.

### 212. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Coniam, Cllr C Martin, Cllr Golding, and Cllr Newman. Cllr BJ Martin was substituting for Cllr Coniam.

### 213. Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Crayford DNPI for Minute Item 217 – as a Trustee of West Faversham Community Centre

### 214. Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

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### 215. Community Lottery

The Operator Report for October 2025 was received and noted.

### 216. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

#### a) Age Friendly Faversham Update

The progress made with the establishment of the Steering Group and the start of audit work was noted.

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

- 1) Agree the Age-Friendly Faversham community survey for distribution.**
- 2) Approve the proposed Age-Friendly Faversham application form to enable individuals and organisations to get involved in the initiative.**

**b) White Ribbon Accreditation Action Plan Update and Approval of Action Plan**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the latest White Ribbon Action Plan.**

It was noted that some videos had been produced in preparation for White Ribbon Day on 25<sup>th</sup> November and there would be promotion on social media. The Town Hall would be lit in orange lights to mark the occasion. Cllr BJ Martin referred to an event at the Alexander Centre to which Swale BC was having a stall. Cllr BJ Martin agreed to send details to the Town Clerk.

**c) Town of Sanctuary Update**

Cllr Perkin advised she would propose a motion to the Full Town Council to enable the Town of Sanctuary application to move forward.

**d) ADHD Statement**

It was agreed to draft a statement on ADHD and to promote resources people with ADHD could use to support them. Cllr Rowlands would also write a Mayor's Blog on the subject.

**e) Any EDI Updates Not Listed**

A discussion was held around the increase of hate speech online and ways the Town Council could work to counter this and improve support for minorities. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would work on some ideas around this.

**217. Youth Working Group**

Cllr Rowlands reported a meeting of the Youth Working Group meeting was due to have taken place before this meeting but had had to be cancelled due to being inquorate. This meant the allocation of funds for Youth Grant applicants had not taken place.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that if the Youth Working Group had not met by the date of the Agenda for the next Community Committee then Youth Grant Applications that scored at 75% or above would receive full funding and any Youth Grant Applications scoring below 75% would not.**

It was agreed to include an item on the Agenda for the next Community Committee to discuss future the future Youth Grant funding model.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Youth Working Group dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

**218. KALC Community Award**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to participate in the KALC Community Award Scheme noting the deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 with a view to being included in the Awards Ceremony due to take place at Shepherd Neame Brewery on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026, as well as a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting in March 2026.**

**219. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour**

**a) Update on the CCTV Camera**

The Town Clerk reported an order had been placed for the CCTV Camera. It had been established that a Camera was required at the Western Link Roundabout and work was ongoing on the best method of installation.

It was agreed the Town Clerk would draft a Policy on how the CCTV Camera would be deployed locally in consultation with Kent Police.

**b) Swale Link Report**

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

- 1) Note the update on Swale Link Radio for awareness.**
- 2) Consider supporting its promotion among Faversham town centre businesses.**
- 3) Agree to liaise with Swale Borough Council to coordinate awareness-raising activity.**
- 4) Investigate funding to help contribute to initial costs for local businesses.**

**c) Other Matters of Concern**

None.

**220. Community Resilience Plan**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to develop a Community Resilience Plan.**

**221. Employment and Skills Gap Report**

The Employment and Skills Gap Report was received and noted.

**222. Budget**

Items for the 2026/2027 budget were discussed.

**223. Matters for Report**

**a) Faversham Community Networking Group presentation**

Cllr Rowlands requested a presentation from FCNG be included on the agenda for the next Full Town Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:36pm.