



TOWN AND PORT OF FAVERSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON

TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2026

1. Apologies for absence were noted.
2. The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 18th March 2025 were accepted.
3. PC James Tancock of the Neighbourhood Policing Team reported to the meeting. The main issue they dealt with was antisocial behaviour. One of the main causes of the antisocial behaviour was nuisance motorbikes, but burglaries were down. He encouraged residents to sign up to 'My Community Voice', which was an online platform to receive communications from the local police officers.
4. There were no public questions.
5. Cllr B Martin gave details on the Community Governance Review and noted there was a request from Faversham Town Council for an additional 3 councillors and for Watling Ward to split, forming 5 wards in total. There would be an 8 week consultation commencing on 8th April until 4th June. He encouraged everyone to respond. The results will be signed off at the Swale Borough Council meeting at the end of June, so any changes could take effect in time for the May 2027 elections.
6. The Mayor, Cllr Rowlands, provided an update on the Local Government Review with the consultation period closing on 26 March. He noted there were options from one single unitary to five. Faversham Town Council's preference was for Option 4D which split Faversham from the rest of Swale, to go eastwardly.
7. The Mayor, Cllr Rowlands, noted that the town council was awaiting a report from the barrister on the Ham Marshes judicial review.
8. The Mayor, Cllr Rowlands, reported on his Mayoral Year, notably meeting King Charles III with the other Confederation of Cinque Port members in July 2025.
9. Mayoral Recognition Awards were presented to Heather Coleman, Anna Stonor and Graham Harmsworth.