

Way Forward Suggestions

FTC and FCNG Partnership

November 2025

FTC = Faversham Town Council

FCNG = Faversham Community Networking Group

Option 1: FTC Funds the Current FCNG Co-ordinator Post

How it Works	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTC covers the monthly payments for the FCNG Co-ordinator (see attached budget). • FTC funds the annual project costs (see attached budget). • The FCNG Management Group continues to support and oversee the Co-ordinator in line with current arrangements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinator role remains at 6 hours per week. • A monthly feedback report would be provided to FTC. • FTC can continue attending all meetings and contribute when requested. • FCNG Management Group could manage the allocated budget.

Option 2: FTC Incorporates the FCNG Co-ordinator Role into an Existing FTC Staff Post

How it Works	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Co-ordinator responsibilities are absorbed into FTC staff costs. • The role becomes an administrative support function for FCNG. • FTC continues to fund annual project costs (see attached budget). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role is more ad hoc and less aligned solely with FCNG. • FCNG becomes only one part of the staff member's broader responsibilities. • FTC attends all meetings and contributes as required.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Co-ordinator is line-managed by FTC, with FCNG providing strategic direction during meetings. • The FCNG Management Group continues to shape the group's aims and direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCNG Management Group could manage the allocated projects budget.
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Option 3: FTC Funds a Community Support Officer with FCNG as Part of the Role

How it Works	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role becomes a dedicated FTC staff post. • FCNG support forms a small part of a wider job description. • The role provides administrative support to FCNG. • Annual project costs continue to be funded by FTC (see attached budget). • The postholder is line-managed by FTC, while FCNG provides strategic input during meetings. • The FCNG Management Group maintains responsibility for shaping direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCNG co-ordination could become diluted due to broader job responsibilities. • The role may become more ad hoc and less focused on FCNG needs. • FTC can continue attending all meetings and offering input.

Overall Benefits of an FTC–FCNG Partnership

- Increased resources available to FCNG.
- Broader community reach and engagement potential.
- Strengthened positive visibility for FTC among community and voluntary groups.



- FCNG's success provides a model that other areas are already looking to replicate.
- Demonstrates FTC's commitment and support for the voluntary sector.

Potential Disadvantages

- Additional budget required from FTC.
- Risk of FCNG's identity or focus becoming diluted.
- Possible constraints on projects and new ideas due to FTC structures and processes.