

Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making of Faversham Town Council

11th May 2026, 7pm

The Alexander Centre, Faversham

Cllr T Martin	Present	Cllr Golding	Apology
Cllr Rowlands	Present	Cllr Jones	Apology
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr B Martin	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr C Martin	Present
Cllr Crayford	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Eyre	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Gibson	Present	Cllr Saunders	Present

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

589. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllr Golding and Cllr Jones.

590. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None

Presentation of Cheques

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr Josh Rowlands, presented cheques to each of his charities, Strode Park Foundation and Faversham Strike Force Football Club.

592. Honorary Freeman

The Retiring Mayor, Cllr Josh Rowlands admitted Mr Trevor Abram, Mr Michael Gates and Mr David Simmons as Honorary Freeman of the Town of Faversham, and presented each with an Honorary Freeman of Faversham Scroll.

593. Acceptance of Office and Investiture of Mayor

Cllr Claire Martin, having been elected as Mayor of Faversham, made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was duly invested by the Town Clerk with her Badge of Office and presented with the Wand of Office. She took the Chair and addressed the Meeting.

594. Investiture of the Deputy Mayor

Cllr Ben Martin, having been elected as Deputy Mayor of Faversham, was duly invested with his Badge of Office by The Mayor, Cllr Claire Martin.

595. Vote of Thanks

The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Claire Martin proposed and on being put to the meeting it was unanimously ***RESOLVED that this Council records its sincere appreciation of the very able service rendered by Cllr Josh Rowlands as Mayor of the Town of Faversham during the past two Municipal Years.***

Cllr Josh Rowlands Martin thanked the Past Mayoral Cadets, Mayoral Chaplain and council staff.

596. Mayoral Charities

The Mayor announced her charities for 2026/27 as Faversham Carnival and Creekside Boxing.

597. Mayoral Cadets and Chaplain

The Mayor of Faversham appointed Cadet Lottie Brown and Cadet James Wall as her Mayoral Cadets and Rev Simon Rowlands as her Chaplain.