



TOWN AND PORT OF FAVERSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

HELD ON

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025

1. Apologies for absence were noted.
2. The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 19TH March 2024 were accepted.
3. PC James Tancock of the Neighbourhood Policing Team reported to the meeting, also in attendance were PC Kirsten Jones and PC Jez Chittim. The main issue they dealt with was antisocial behaviour. One of the main causes of the antisocial behaviour was nuisance motorbikes and action had been taken and would continue to be taken. Shoplifting had increased inline with the increase in population. Public concern raised at the previous Annual Town Meeting regarding Acacia Court had not come to fruition and only two calls had been received from Acacia Court that were unconnected with the public concerns. PC Gary Morris, Community Liaison Officer worked closely with Acacia Court as did the Neighbourhood Policing Team. There were no public questions for the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
4. There were no public questions.
5. The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Josh Rowlands commented on the pride he felt being Faversham's youngest Mayor and the importance of not just representing the town at events but also listening to the concerns of local residents and taking action to ensure Faversham could be the best town possible for its residents. and continuing gave an account of the previous year:

Since the last Annual Town Meeting, the Mayor had attended many events but one of the highlights was the installation of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, Admiral Sir George Zambellas GCB, DSC, ADC, DL, and his visit to Faversham.

The Town Council had gained White Ribbon Accreditation and was committed to working towards ending harassment, abuse, and violence towards women and girls. The Town Council had also been re-awarded Gold status from the Local Council Award Scheme and been accredited as a Disability Confident Employer and was working towards becoming Dementia Friendly. Faversham had been recognised as a Pesticide Free Town thanks to the work of Cllr Perkin and former Cllr Williams.

6. The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Josh Rowlands, presented the following cheques from the Faversham & District Community Lottery:

Cheques of £250:

Arden Theatre
Faversham Literary Festival
Faversham Municipal Charities
Faversham Town Twinning Association

Cheques of £1,000:

Abbey Physic Community Garden
Age UK Kent Rivers
Faversham Cricket Club
Faversham Sea Scouts
Painters Forstal Community Hall

7. Mayor Certificates of Recognition were presented to Steve Sherlock, former Chair of the Faversham Community Christmas Lights in recognition of his 43 years of service, 37 of those as Chair, and Amanda Dackombe, Director of the Faversham Literary Festival, for her work on improving the culture of the town.