# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

## 19th October 2026 at 7:30pm at Faversham Town Hall

**Present:** Cllr Perkin (Chair), Cllr Coniam, Cllr Crayford, Cllr Eyre, Cllr T Martin, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr Saunders

**Apologies:** Cllr Golding, Cllr C Martin

**In attendance:** Adrienne Begent (Interim Town Clerk)

**Public Questions:**

None.

**300. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies with reasons were received and accepted from Cllr C Martin and Cllr Golding.

**301. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**302. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 23rd September 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.***

Cllr Crayford noted that SBC had abolished charging for emptying Sharps Bins.

**303. Community Events**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that The Event Report on the Medieval and Tudor Event was received and noted.***

Cllr T Martin felt that if using the Town Quay for events that toilets must be provided.

Cllr Crayford referred to how the success of events were considered in terms of attendance, the split of local residents and visitors, whether businesses benefitted, and whether the businesses participating were local.

The high level of social media engagement was noted.

It was agreed to draft a Survey to local businesses, volunteers, residents, and visitors regarding events and asking for feedback on:

- Their location
- Economic benefit
- Whether they enjoyed

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It was felt that estimated footfall figures would be required to assess which were the most popular events.

**ACTION: Events Survey to be drafted.**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Events Programme and Budget Proposal 2027 Report and RECOMMEND to the Budgeting process.***

**ACTION: Events 2027 Report to be considered for 2027/28 Budget.**

**304. The Watering**

Councillors considered the proposal on The Watering event. The current situation regarding draught and staffing resources were discussed.

It was felt that the proposer should be directed to other event organisers and the Arts Council.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED not to proceed with the proposal.***

**305. Community Projects**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to note the Community Projects Report and record thanks to Fiona Palmer.***

Cllr Rowlands agreed to oversee the White Ribbon project.

**306. Age Friendly Faversham Action Plan**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Age Friendly Faversham Action Plan.***

Cllr T Martin advised consideration needed to be taken how this was co-ordinated with other Committees and projects.

Cllr Perkin would discuss the timeframes with Fiona Palmer and attend the Age Friendly Faversham Steering Group (via Teams) on 16th November.

**307. Community Lottery**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Community Lottery Operator Report.***

**308. Youth Partnership Forum**

Cllr Rowlands provided an overview of the Youth Partnership Forum on 31st March 2025, and it was agreed further work should be based on those findings.

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**309. Faversham First Job**

Cllr Crayford provided an update on the Faversham First Job Employment Roundtable meeting he hosted in September. Barriers to employment and creating more opportunities for local people had been discussed.

Faversham First Job was now forming a working group to move the initiative forward.

Cllr Perkin raised the issue of young people using public transport to get to work and the difficulties they faced.

**310. Items For Report**

- Age Friendly Faversham Update

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.

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