

**Minutes of Faversham Town Council’s Creek Working Group
held on virtually on Wednesday 12th January 2022**

Present:

Cllrs A Hook (Chair), K Barker, M Henderson, T Martin, H Perkin and J Rowlands

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>No apologies were received.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of 11th November 2021</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Private Session</p> <p>The meeting moved into Private Session to resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Front Brents Jetty and Belvedere Road Moorings Update</u></p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk provided a verbal update on the Moorings.</p> <p>The report on the Front Brents Jetty was discussed, it was considered a complete description of the work that had been undertaken. It was RECOMMENDED by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr A hook and on being put to the meeting it was agreed that the repairs had been undertaken as described in the report submitted by the Creek Navigation Company and that the jetty should be reinstated. Regular inspections should be undertaken by staff.</p> <p>A discussion followed on how regular the inspections should be, it was agreed that professional opinion should be sought before this was agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: CMC and Toby Lester to be asked how often inspections should take place. The inspection routine to be agreed at future meeting of CWG or P&F.</p> <p>ACTION: Other relevant commercial bodies to be consulted.</p> <p>ACTION: Thank you letter to be sent to Creek Management Company.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AH</p>

	<p>The letter from the Faversham Creek Management Company (6th January 2022) had been circulated prior to the meeting. The terms of the lease and the proposed rents would be dependent on the mooring fees being charged.</p> <p>ACTION: Further information to be gathered before a response is drafted.</p>	<p>AB</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>The response to Peel Ports had been agreed at Town Council on Monday 10th January.</p> <p>ACTION: The agreed response to be sent to Peel Ports.</p> <p>Further consideration was given to the response to the letter for Department of Transport (28/09/21).</p> <p>ACTION: A list of the documents and brief summary of each to be compiled and considered at Policy and Resources on 24th January, who will confirm what should be sent to Department of Transport and any caveats to be applied.</p> <p>The importance of building relationships with other key stakeholders was discussed. These included (but not limited to), Where's our Bridge, The Creek Trust, The Creek Navigation Company, Heritage Harbour and the Faversham Society . It was agreed that a meeting should be held at Cllr Henderson's House at the end of January.</p> <p>The ongoing communications strategy was discussed and the possibility of creating a petition to apply pressure to on Peel Ports to act.</p> <p>ACTION: Breakthrough Communications to asked to draft a communications plan for the next 12 months.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p>