

LCWIP Working Group 5th May 2021

Present: Adrian Berendt, Ben Coleman (PJA), Katie Cullen (KCC), Natalie Earl (SBC), Alastair Gould (SBC), Miranda Palmer (KCC), Tim Stonor, Julian Saunders (Chair)(FTC), Eddie Thomas (FTC), Chris Wright

In attendance: Adrienne Begent Deputy Town Clerk (DTC)

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kris Barker

2) Declarations of Interest

Adrian Berendt confirmed that he was a Trustee for the Campaign for Better Transport. Tim Stonor confirmed that Space Syntax Ltd had been appointed by the Duchy of Cornwall.

3) Minutes of 7th April

The minutes of 7th April were approved.

ACTION: It was noted that the Town Council had responded to Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 indicating its willingness to work with the parishes in the future regarding provision for cycling and walking.

It was agreed to formally write to neighbouring parishes expressing the willingness to collaborate. (DTC, JS)

4) Update on Linkages with NHP and LP

It was noted that 20's plenty consultation had closed.

It was noted that Ben Coleman and Adrian Berendt had met with Hannah Barter from Urban Vision. The meeting had been helpful and the projects were now much more aligned.

It was noted that references to transport would be in appendix to the plan, rather than part of it. But there was a commitment to cycling and walking imbedded in the plan.

AB confirmed he had met with Faversham Footpaths Group.

NE confirmed that the East Faversham Policy of LP will have links to the Town and Village Project. The LCWIP will be an integral part of the Transport Strategy, which is in draft.

ET informed the meeting that the Department for Transport had published Bus Back Better: National Bus Strategy for England in March 2021. The documents states the requirement:

- i) By the end of October 2021 each Local Transport Authority will need to publish a local Bus Service Improvement Plan. Each plan will need to be updated annually and reflected in the authority's Local Transport Plan * and in other relevant local plans such as Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) (Page 40)

The LCWIP would be a good mechanism for accessing future funding mechanisms, including those at KCC.

MP updated the meeting on KCC funding opportunities. The Access Fund had closed in March 2021. Officers were waiting for confirmation regarding the Capability Fund. This had been a one year funding stream but it was possible it would be extended for three/four years. No project in Faversham had been identified to date. The Marketing Campaign Budget was another possible source of funding.

TS enquired about funding opportunities for the Stonebridge Crossing Project.

ACTION: Sarah-Jayne Ellcock would be asked to explore (MP)

5) Update on PJA including revised drawings

BC reiterated the usefulness of the meeting with Adrian Berendt and Hannah Barter. The NHP and LCWIP will be cross referenced.

BC had also met with the Faversham Footpaths Group.

BC shared the updated documents with the group. The draft network had been identified, and will be forwarded to the group for comment.

The Walking Network will be audited on site using this group and volunteers.

The Cycling Network audit will be a desk based project, though the results can be checked on site when the walking audit is completed.

The area for the scheme was discussed, this needs to extend the South-East Faversham Sites. It was agreed that the group needs to engage with the surrounding parishes of Graveney with Goodnestone, Boughton under Blean, Dunkirk, Selling and Sheldwich.

Neighbourhood Cells were noted, red cells possibly would need filtering of traffic.

CW highlighted the problem of the railway lines causing severance to the network. This would need attention.

BC confirmed this would be looked at on the site visit.

TS added he had some useful data and there was also a severance plan.

ACTION: PJA document to be shared with the group with seven/ten day deadline for responding. BC to forward to DTC to distribute. (pages 26 (trip generators) page 30 (proposed routes) expected to generate the most feedback.

6) Next Steps

The audit would be take place after feedback had been fed into document.

7) Date of Next Meeting

After the meeting it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16th June at 9.00am