

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

17th November 2022, 7.30pm
The Guildhall

Present:

Cllr Thomas
Cllr Jackson
Cllr Hook

Cllr Saunders
Cllr Reynolds

Chris Oswald-Jones
Adrian Oliver

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)
Joanne Johnson (SBC Head of Regeneration, Economic Development and Property
– item 44 only via Zoom)

Public Comments

None.

37. Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr Williams, Tim Stonor and Adrian Berendt

38. Declarations of Interest

None

39. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Cllr Thomas advised the list of Potential Intervention Priorities had been sent to Adrian Berendt. The revised list was very similar to the list for the Active Travel England's Tranche 4 funding and would be covered in a presentation by Adrian Oliver.

Cllr Thomas reported discussions were ongoing with KCC regarding the Faversham HIP Update Document.

The FTC Active Travel Budget update would be covered in more detail in the presentation by Adrian Oliver.

Cllr Saunders referred to the ongoing improvement works at Dark Hill and recent comments received through e-mails to the Town Clerk and on social media and the need to develop communications to inform residents of the reasoning behind the work.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 20th October 2022.**

40. LCWIP

Cllr Saunders referred to the work of the LCWIP Working Group, which was set up to produce the LCWIP and was overseeing the town to parishes cycling and walking work. The Working Group had seen good participation from local community members and officers, and it was felt there would be a benefit to retaining this as a small advisory Group. Cllr Saunders would be looking to develop a proposal for the next meeting.

40. Faversham HIP Update

The latest KCC comments were discussed including comments on the Oare Road where it was felt there may have been confusion from KCC over the exact location.

41. Active Travel England's Tranche 4

Adrian Oliver delivered a presentation entitled "Active Travel Fund 4 Proposals Faversham" – see Appendix 1.

42. SBC Air Quality Survey

Cllr Thomas asked Councillors to respond to the SBC Air Quality Survey individually.

43. Faversham Town Centre Pedestrianisation

Cllr Thomas referred to the document circulated entitled "Swale JTB Faversham Road Closures" and comments were sought on the proposals.

Following a discussion on the document and in response to concerns raised, Joanne Johnson advised she would feed back the comments and suggestions to Project Centre who oversaw the EqIA.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to ask SBC to review the decision to revise option 2b and to revise the EqIA.**

Option 2b as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the Swale JTB Faversham Road Closures document:

"The proposal being put forward is Option 2b from the options assessment process: to implement a permanent closure of the town centre (Court Street, Market Place, Market Street, Middle Row, East Street and Preston Street) between the hours of 10am to 4pm with the following exemptions.

- *Permit Holders*
- *Blue Badge holders"*

44. Cycle Hire and Shelter Proposal

Following a discussion on the proposal, it was suggested investing in a shelter in East Street be held in abeyance but for all bikes to be concentrated in East Street, pending the Town Clerk communicating the reasoning for this to Macknade.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to move all hire bikes at East Street, to promote the bike hire through the Visitor Information Centre, purchase the flag and for the Town Clerk to research further the options for the canopy in East Street.***

45. Items for Report

Cllr Saunders referred to discussions at the Town Council meeting regarding bicycle security and it was agreed this would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.