

**Minutes of Faversham Town Council’s Creek Working Group
held on virtually on Wednesday 2nd March 2022**

Present:

Cllrs A Hook (Chair), K Barker, M Henderson and T Martin

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

	<p>Mr Andrew Platts (Chair, Faversham Rowing Club) provided an update on the Community Boat Build and the Rowing Club. Two skiffs have been launched and funding is in place for three more. The rowing club has over 100 members ranging from 12 to 80. It is anticipated there will be increased coached training this year and the club will be represented at competitions.</p> <p>The club does not have a permanent base and there are issues launching the skiffs, which are stored at the top of Brent Hill and need to be trailered before each rowing session, requiring additional man power. It would be preferable to have storage for equipment and the skiffs at the creek.</p> <p>The club launches downstream of the bridge (Front Brents Side) but it is muddy and not suitable for frequent use. Other slips are at inappropriate locations or privately owned.</p> <p>KB: The NHP SG is in discussion with Creekside landowners and the provision of community facilities will be discussed and may provide a long term solution.</p> <p>MH: A short term solution maybe siting a container on SBC land for storing lifejackets and oars.</p> <p>ACTION: Contact the Chief Executive of SBC enquiring who the correct person to contact at SBC would be and inform Mr Platts.</p> <p>ACTION: TC to investigate laying grass protection mesh at the launch site. Mr Platts has already done some research which he will share with TC.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>AP/AB</p>
1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Cllrs H Perkin and J Rowlands</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of 12th January 2022</u></p>	

	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 202 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting with one correction.</p> <p>Minute 4: jetty should be reinstated to be amended to jetty use should be reinstated.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Minute 4: The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Toby Lester had advised that a weekly inspection of the moorings should be carried out by a member of staff. An additional check should be made after a storm or tidal surge. As long as these inspections were carried out, and any issues resolved, a professional survey wouldn't be needed for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>It was suggested that after training the Property Maintenance and Facilities Apprentice would be able to carry out the inspection.</p> <p>ACTION: Inspection Log to be circulated to the Working Group by email for consideration.</p> <p>It was noted that there were no lifebuoys on the jetty.</p> <p>ACTION: The requirement to be checked and lifebuoys to be fitted as required.</p> <p>Minute 5: It was noted that the letter to Brian Pain thanking him for refurbishing the jetty had not been sent.</p> <p>ACTION: Letter to be sent to Brian Pain</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB</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>Town Quay and Belvedere Road</u></p> <p>It was noted that no response had been received from SBC concerning Town Quay. The information required to respond the letter from Faversham Creek Management Company (06/01/22) was outstanding. On receipt of this information both parties should be approached.</p> <p>ACTION: Required information to be chased</p>	<p>AB</p>
5.	<p><u>Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>It was noted that the requested documents had been received from Peel Ports.</p>	

	<p>Prior to the meeting the Chair had circulated the letter he had drafted in response to the letter from Department of Transport (28/09/21)</p> <p>It was proposed by Antony Hook, seconded by Kris Barker and on being put to the meeting it was RECOMMENDED that the letter drafted by the Chair and selected documents be sent to the Department of Transport</p> <p>Prior to the meeting the Chair had circulated the proposal from Breakthrough Communications .</p> <p>It was proposed by Antony Hook, seconded by Kris Barker and on being put to the meeting it was RECOMMENDED that the proposal be accepted and Breakthrough Communications be engaged.</p>	
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