

## MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

6<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr Thomas (Chair)	Present		Cllr Williams	Apology
Cllr Golding	Present		A Berendt	Apology
Cllr BJ Martin	Present		A Oliver	Apology
Cllr C Martin	Present		C Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr Rowlands	Apology		T Stonor	Apology
Cllr Saunders	Present			

### In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

### Public Comments:

None.

#### 001. Apologies for Absence

Received from

#### 002. Declarations of Interest

None

#### 003. Election of Vice Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Golding, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for Cllr Saunders to be Vice Chair.**

#### 004. Co-option to Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Adrian Berendt, Adrian Oliver, and Tim Stonor to the Committee and to contact Chris Oswald-Jones to see if he still wished to be a member of the Committee.**

#### 005. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

#### 006. Terms of Reference

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to amend items 4, 9, 10, 11, to read the as follows:**

**4) To work with neighbouring parishes, Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council to promote the Eastern Area Committee funded parish to town cycling and walking project.**

**9) Review the conclusion of the cycle hire trial, funded by the Eastern Area Committee.**

**10) Review the conclusion of the bike rack hire trial, funded by the Eastern Area Committee.**

**11) To investigate quiet streets or school streets initiatives as opportunities arise.**

**007. Faversham Community Transport Scheme**

Cllr BJ Martin and Cllr C Martin agreed to be on the Working Group.

It was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin, seconded by Cllr C Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the Terms of Reference.**

**008. Town to Parishes Project Report**

It was agreed that Cllr Saunders would consult Adrian Oliver on the most appropriate way to refer the Report within SBC's Committee framework.

**009. Faversham Cross Town Walking Path**

Cllr Thomas referred to the paper tabled and provided a summary of the current status of the project.

**010. Pavement Parking**

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Golding, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to the Minister for Transport to encourage legislation against pavement parking.**

The draft letter was reviewed by Councillors. It was agreed Cllr Golding would include a paragraph giving context about Faversham's parking situation regarding certain narrow residential streets. The final letter would be referred to the Full Town Council and jointly signed by Cllr Thomas and the Mayor, Cllr T Martin, with copies to Helen Whately MP, and the Minister for Transport, and Shadow Minister of Transport.

**011. Groundwork for Future Funding Bids**

Junctions that required improvement were discussed and it was agreed this work would be referred to the LCWIP Working Group, which included representatives from KCC, to make recommendations to this Committee.

**012. Speedwatch**

It was agreed to seek the views of the new Police Officers, who would be attending a future Town Council meeting, on the preferred ways to report instances of speeding to Kent Police.

**013. E-Scooters**

The current situation regarding e-scooters was discussed.

**014. Oare Parish Council Request for Cycle Racks**

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact Oare Parish Council to advise there was no objection to cycle racks being installed within the FTC boundary, however Oare PC should seek permission from KCC Highways, and fund the installation.

The Committee would look into its priority areas for cycle racks and any funding available in due course.

**015. CycleFest 2023**

As the CycleFest week was ongoing, it was agreed a report would be presented at the next meeting. KCC would be carrying out bicycle security marking at the Town Hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, and there would be a public consultation meeting in The Guildhall, on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> July, which included Cllr Saunders, Adrian Berendt, and Adrian Oliver.

**016. Items for Report**

Future items for funding

Future items that may require funding were discussed including keeping vegetation clear of footpaths/walking routes. Cllr BJ Martin and Cllr C Martin agreed to email Cllr Thomas with examples of footpaths requiring deep cleaning and the cutting of vegetation so he could contact SBC to raise the issues.

Walking Routes Feasibility Study

The Town Clerk advised Adrian Oliver had advised there was funding in place for a feasibility study into the development of walking routes around Faversham. It was agreed the LCWIP Working Group would look into this further.