

**Minutes of Faversham Town Council's Creek Working Group
held hybrid on Wednesday 5th July 2023**

Present:

Cllr L Coniam, Cllr P Cook, Cllr R Crayford, Cllr A Eyre, County Cllr A Hook, Cllr T Martin (Chair) Mr N Mengham and Cllr R Newman

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk) Daniel Purchase (Breakthrough Communications)

1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>No apologies were received</p>	
2.	<p><u>Co -Option</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr P Cook seconded by Cllr Rob Crayford and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED that County Councillor Antony Hook be co-opted onto the Creek Working Group.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr Robert Newman and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED that Mr Nick Mengham be co-opted onto the Creek Working Group.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u></p> <p>DNPI's were noted from Cllrs Cook and Crayford (Nick Mengham).</p>	
4..	<p><u>Minutes of 1st March 2023</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2023 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. (Proposed by T Martin seconded by R Newman). The minutes had been presented at Full Council on 13th March.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>All matters arising are agenda items.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr T Martin , seconded by Cllr L Coniam and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to accept the Terms of Reference.</p>	

7.	<p><u>Front Brents Jetty</u></p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the Cinque Port Rowing has installed the floating pontoons to store three rowing skiffs on the Front Brents Jetty.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that moorings were still available.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Belvedere Road Moorings</u></p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk reported that ladders for the moorings had been ordered. They would be fitted w/c 17th July. The boat owners had been notified that their boats should temporarily move to the Front Brents Jetty to facilitate the fitting. Any boats remaining on the moorings would be moved across by the facilities team assisted by the Town Sergeant on 17th July.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>The Chair gave a briefing on the replacement creek bridge. This is a complex issue involving many parties over a significant period of time.</p> <p>Daniel Purchase (Breakthrough Communications) reported that the petition (<i>calling on the UK Government to use its powers to help us get a bridge that can open over Faversham Creek</i>) had 1307 signatures to date. He considered this to be a good response, publicising the petition had ceased during the pre-election period. With a targeted effort it was considered this figure could be increased.</p> <p>ACTION: Petition to be open until September. It should be pushed on Social Media. A stall should be held on a Saturday outside the Town Hall to collect signatures on paper. The petition would be taken to Downing Street in September</p> <p>CC A Hook (previous Chair of CWG) added to the briefing by the present Chair and was able to answers queries by new members.</p> <p>It was noted that Town Council had 30 hours of time in hand with Breakthrough. Consideration would need to be given how to utilise this time for the most benefit.</p> <p>ACTION: Breakthrough to send a proposal to DTC</p> <p>ACTION: Legal Advice (2021), Breakthrough proposal and report, timeline and other relevant documents to be shared with members of CWG.</p> <p>ACTION: Lord Palmer to be asked for advice on presenting the petition for maximum effect.</p> <p>ACTION: Meeting with interested parties to be convened</p> <p>ACTION: Letter to be sent from the Mayor to other Cinque Port Mayors asking for their support.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DP</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB/TM</p>

	ACTION: Letter to be sent from the Mayor to DoT requesting a response to letter from A Hook (04/03/22)	AB /TM
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