

**Minutes of Faversham Town Council's Creek Working Group
held hybrid on Wednesday 6th September 2023**

Present:

Cllr P Cook, Cllr R Crayford, Cllr A Eyre, County Cllr A Hook, Cllr T Martin (Chair) and Cllr R Newman

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

1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Mr N Mengham and Cllr J Rowlands</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes of 5th July 2023</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2023 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. (Proposed by T Martin seconded by R Crayford). The minutes had been presented at Full Council on 10th July.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>All matters arising are agenda items.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Front Brents Jetty</u></p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that Joseph Hanna (Town Ranger) was now responsible for the day to day management of the moorings on the Front Brent Jetty and Belvedere Road. This included allocating moorings and the weekly inspection.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that moorings were still available. A number of enquires had been received and the application to moor form had been sent.</p> <p>Members were informed that Cinque Port Rowing had formally opened the floating pontoons and that members of the club were regularly rowing from the jetty.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Belvedere Road Moorings</u></p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that the five ladders had been fitted to the Belvedere Road Moorings.</p>	

6.	<p><u>Provender Walk Moorings</u></p> <p>Members received <i>Paper 1</i> outlining the historical situation concerning moorings at Belvedere Road. The previous chair (Cllr A Hook) who had met with representatives of Faversham Creek Management Company Ltd was able to elaborate.</p> <p>It was proposed by Trevor Martin seconded by Antony Hook and on being put to the meeting it was RECOMMENDED the Licence drafted by Tassells Solicitors be approved.</p> <p>It was proposed by Trevor Martin seconded by Robert Newman and on being put to the meeting it was RECOMMENDED (subject to quotes) a 50% contribution to fitting three ladders at Provender Walk Moorings.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>As agreed at the previous CWG the Mayor had written to other Cinque Port Mayors asking for their support. Positives support had been received from the Right Worshipful Mayor of Sandwich and the Town Clerk at New Romney Town Council.</p> <p>ACTION: Letter to be sent from the Mayor to Mr Ian Russell (Registrar of the Cinque Ports) asking for the Confederation Support.</p> <p>Members received the proposal from Breakthrough Communications for the 30 hours in hand. Six headlines had been suggested, and it was agreed that three of these were off most interest.</p> <p>Members discussed An Early Day Motion and it was agreed that Breakthrough should investigate further.</p> <p>ACTION: Further consideration to be given to the proposal (second item removed). An estimated time frame for each item to be given, along with trackable/deliverable outcomes. This would be shared by email and agreed before timetabling.</p>	<p>TM/AB</p> <p>DP/AB</p>
8.	<p><u>Matters to Report</u></p> <p>The Mooring Agreements to be checked for wording regarding liability and to check that include 'use at own risk'.</p>	<p>AB</p>
9.	<p><u>Private Session</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Trevor Martin seconded by Peter Cook and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED 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 sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.</p>	

10.	<p><u>Next Steps – Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>Members discussed next steps for the Creek Bridge Campaign, of which a Judicial Review may be one.</p> <p>ACTION: Quotes to be sought for a Judicial Review in order for a recommendation to be made to Full Council</p>	AH/AB
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