

**Minutes of Faversham Town Council's Creek Working Group
held hybrid on Wednesday 7th February 2024**

Present:

Cllr P Cook, Cllr A Eyre, County Cllr A Hook, Cllr T Martin (Chair), Cllr R Newman, Cllr J Rowlands and Mr A Thorne

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk

1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr R Crayford and Mr N Mengham</p>	
2.	<p><u>Co-Option</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED that Mr Alan Thorne be co-opted onto the Creek Working Group.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of 1st November 2023</u></p> <p>It was noted that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November had been approved at Full Council on 13th November.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>All matters arising are agenda items.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Provender Walk Moorings</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to recommend for approval the amended Licence that had been drafted by Tassells Solicitors.</p> <p>The first draft had been recommended for approval by CWG on 06/09/23 (approved by Town Council on 11/09/23) and sent to Faversham Creek Management Company, who had suggested some amendments which had been shared with Tassells.</p>	
	<p><u>Private Session</u></p> <p>Private Session It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands 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</p>	

	<p>as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted</p>	
6.	<p><u>Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>It was noted that there had been no response from the Department for Transport since the petition was deposited on 13th November.</p> <p>KCC had not proceeded with action, Haroona Chughtai intended to send a further letter to DfT, which AH had requested was shared with the Town Council.</p> <p>The next steps for the campaign were discussed</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by Cllr P Cook and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to recommend that the Mayor of Faversham writes to Peel Ports requesting that they fulfil their obligations and fix the sluices.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to recommend that the Town Council investigates the costs of a Judicial Review. AH to assist the process by providing details of potential companies and assisting in drafting the tender document.</p> <p>It was noted that there was 7.5 hours in hand with Breakthrough Communications who had been engaged to manage communications for the Creek Bridge campaign.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to recommend that the remaining hours with Breakthrough Communications are used to make press/social media releases after members of the CWG have met with Helen Whatley MP on Friday 23rd February.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr R Newman seconded by Cllr P Cook and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to recommend that the Mayor of Faversham writes to the DfT asking for a response to the petition and inviting them to Faversham for a site visit.</p>	
	<p>End of Private Session</p>	
7.	<p><u>Evidence Base</u></p> <p>It was agreed that photographic evidence of the increased level of mud in the creek would be helpful.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to recommend that an appeal is launched on social media asking for old photographs of the creek with the tide out.</p>	

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