

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

6th June 2024, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr C Martin (Chair)	Present	Cllr B Martin	Apologies
Cllr Golding	Apologies		
Cllr Saunders	Present	C Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr Gibson	Present	A Berendt	Present
Cllr Eyre	Present	A Oliver (KCC)	Present

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

069. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies received from Cllr Golding and Cllr B Martin.

070. Vice Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Eyre and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Saunders as the Vice Chair of the Active Travel Committee.**

071. Declarations of Interest

None.

072.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 2nd May 2024.**

Chris Oswald-Jones was asked to leave the room.

073. Co-option of Non-Council Members

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED for Chris Oswald-Jones to remain on the Active Travel Committee.**

074.

Terms of Reference

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Eyre and on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to approve the terms of reference with the following amendments;**

- **Cllr C Martin proposed Point 9 - 'responsible for the outcome of the cycle hire trial (Eastern Area Committee)' to be removed.**
- **Cllr Saunders proposed Point 4 to be reworded as follows 'To work with neighbouring parishes, SBC & KCC to improve active travel links with neighbouring communities. Including some of the recommendations of the parish town project'. (Reword-Proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, all agreed)**

- ***Cllr Saunders proposed Point 10 to be reworded as follows 'To improve bike racks & bike storage provision in the town'. (Reword-Proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, all agreed)***

It was discussed that the Bus Working Group should have a standing item every month, to have an update on the bus.

Adrian Oliver raised a question regarding item 4 'will KCC have a named contact for FTC'. It was answered that the Town Clerk will be the contact for this.

075. Cross Town Walking Route 2 North to South

The Town Clerk gave an update. It was explained that we have not heard anything since sending off the contract. Cllr C Martin asked if the Town Clerk could email them to ask for an update. Cllr Gibson added on, if we could ask for a timeframe update, from them receiving the contract.

076. Highways Improvement Plan & LCWIP Review

It was suggested by the Chair that the HIP and LCWIP update be given together.

Cllr Saunders noted at the previous meeting it was agreed to go forward with updating the LCWIP and the Town Council HIP.

AB Development Plan- First stage-to review and amend the two plans and produce a revised list of interventions. It will involve a consultation with Active Travel committee, LCWIP working group, and the identification of interventions through talking to the KCC lead on HIPs and to the County Councillors. Second stage- discussing more with ATC and LCWIP and having a meeting of that in July, to start to develop a revised version of both plans. With the idea that ATC could sign off the plans on the 5th of September 2024. AB gave a slideshow update and explained the importance of working closely with KCC. AB agreed (as asked by AO) to liaise with a wider group of stakeholders. Town Clerk is to provide AB with information on these. It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to proceed with the HIP & LCWIP Plan as it is.***

The Town Clerk will send out the current LCWIP & HIP to everyone, please send any feedback to AB. Cllr Saunders suggested that, if councillors can feedback particular issues in their wards, it will help to keep the plan up to date.

The Town Clerk will liaise with Cllr Saunders to produce the contract.

077. Active Travel Month

The Town Clerk gave an update.

- Cycling event held on Monday- 1 booked on but no one turned up.
- Walking event (Linda Harrison)- Sunday 13 people/Monday 10 people.
- Cycling UK Event at the Recreation Grounds on the 15th 10am-2pm.
- Free Bus Day.
- Walking with History- Walks held one everyday next week.

- Ladies bike ride on the 14th.

078. Safety of children while travelling to school

A discussion was held on this matter. Adiran Oliver will be asking a colleague to send over all the information we need, for the Town Clerk to put forward to the parents that contacted the town council.

079. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The Town Clerk gave an update. It was noted that today was a record of 38 passengers on the bus. The cost of diesel is being met by the ticket sales currently. A few incidents have happened as follows;

- Lift broke at Court Street, resulting in a taxi costs for passengers.
- Bus damaged on the back end.
- Glass on the wind mirror lost.

Need to be careful as all these will result in costs to the budget.

A 5-year plan has been asked to be drafted.

AO expressed the bus is a brilliant incentive and a huge well done to the Town Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Eyre and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED to approve the sponsorship (Lotty's Flowers) of the community bus subject to Option 3 moving to the upper lefthand side of the rear door and the Hopper Bus logo remaining.***

080. Matters for Report

LCWIP

Update on Active Travel

Update on North to South

Active Travel Month Feedback

The meeting closed at 20:44

