

**AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN HERITAGE, BUILDINGS AND CREEK COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

**Present:** Mr H Goodwin, Cllr T Martin (Chair), Cllr R Newman, Cllr J Rowlands and Mr A Thorne

**In attendance:** Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

**14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Crayford and B Jones

**15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations declared.

**16. CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Mr H Goodwin be co-opted onto the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee.***

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Mr A Thorne be co-opted onto the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee.***

**17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**18. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

Refer to Actions and Matters Arising – HBCC

**19. THE TOWN HALL**

The report on the exterior condition of the Town Hall prepared by the Facilities Manager was received. Whilst no timescale was included it was considered that due to the need for scaffolding to be erected the works would need to be scheduled as one project.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that the Facilities Manager confirms what work will be completed by the Town Council team and***

***what will need external contractors. Three quotes to be sourced for scaffolding, works and breakdown of materials to be provided.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that the quote for Website Update should be approved.***

## **20. TOWN QUAY**

The DTC reported that a meeting had been held with the Town Council's Solicitor. Cllrs R Newman and J Rowlands had been present. Members of the Committee expressed disappointed about the progress of the transfer.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED to request that the DTC is copied into correspondence from the Town Councils Solicitors regarding the transfer.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that the Letter of Care drafted by the Town Councils Solicitors should be signed by the Deputy Town Clerk or Town Clerk with the caveat the Town Council receives a monthly update of significant events and early notification of significant dates.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that the Leader of SBC should be copied into the letter to the Chief Executive and Chair of relevant committee (Resolved 05/06/24 and now being implemented)***

The Committee received the three quotes for insuring the Old Town Warehouse and the Boxing Club.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that Company B was selected. The broker will be asked for the term of the insurance to be inline with the Town Councils insurance policy. The Queenborough Fisheries Trust to be asked to finance from the annual grant.***

## **21. MOORINGS**

The DTC gave a verbal update on moorings.  
AT confirmed that he was happy to assist the Town Ranger in moving boats and ensuring they are properly moored on the Front Brents Jetty.

## **22. THE CREEK BRIDGE**

It was noted that nobody had any update about the Creek Bridge. A General Election was being held the next day which potentially would be change players at Westminster.

AT commented that the Creek Trust had renewed enthusiasm for action over the Creek Bridge. They had also expressed interest in running the Nautical Festival in 2025. For this to happen the creek would need to be dredged.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED the letter from the Mayor to Peel Ports should be sent without data on mud to avoid further delay.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that the DTC should write to the Maritime Minister (when appointed) stating the Town Council's case and forwarding previous correspondence, copying in members of the committee.***

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that that a Stakeholder meeting should be held within two months of acknowledgement of letter to Maritime Minister.***

Invites to issued to Maritime Minister, Monroe Palmer, Faversham Society and usual invitees.

## **23. STANDING ORDERS**

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting, it was ***RESOLVED that Standing Orders should be suspended.***

## **24. ITEMS FOR REPORT**

HG reported that a year ago the Community Land Trust successfully applied for outline planning permission for access to the Railway Sheds from Windermere.

Mr Goodwin has met with representatives of The Railway Heritage Society and events progressed. Alan Jipps will be present at a meeting during Open Faversham to discuss the future of Faversham's Railway Heritage Buildings. There will also be an exhibition in the Railway Hotel.

**ACTION:** Railway Heritage to be an agenda item for September meeting.

The DTC informed the meeting that a Quinquennial Report was needed for the Guildhall.

**ACTION:** DTC To seek quotes for the quinquennial report to be brought to the September meeting.

## **25. 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 (Admissions 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.

## **26. THE CREEK BRIDGE**

Cllr A Hook agreed to contact officers at KCC for an update.

The Meeting ended at 21:15