

**AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN HERITAGE, BUILDINGS AND CREEK COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Present:** Cllr T Martin (Chair), Cllr R Crayford, Cllr A Hook (KCC), Cllr B Jones, Cllr R Newman, Cllr J Rowlands and Mr A Thorne

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

**27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr H Goodwin

**28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr R Crayford DNPI – Agenda Item 5 (Co-option)

**29. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr J 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.**

Cllr R Crayford abstained.

**30. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

Refer to Actions and Matters Arising – HBCC

(5) Due to entering the pre-election period twice, there had been no publicity regarding the six-month anniversary of the deposit the bridge petition at Department for Transport.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr R Crayford and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that a delegation should take a birthday cake to the DfT on the year anniversary (13<sup>th</sup> November) or thereabouts. Breakthrough to draft press release.**

(17) The committee had not received a report from Cllr P Cook and members were growing increasingly concerned about the condition of the Old Gate.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr R Crayford and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the concerns of the Committee should be raised with enforcement at SBC.**

**ACTION: DTC to share relevant Land Registry documents.**

### **31. CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

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

Cllr R Crayford abstained

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Mayor should write to Mr N Mengham thanking him for service on the Creek Working Group.***

### **32. THE GUILDHALL CLOCK**

Members received two quotes for repairing and automating the Guildhall clock. The Committee considered that the information provided was not sufficient to make a decision.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer making a decision pending further information.***

#### **ACTIONS: DTC**

- Facility Manager to be asked for his opinion
- Company A to be asked if they require scaffolding
- Both companies to be asked for examples of previous work
- A 3rd quote to be sourced
- Cllr J Rowlands to put the Clock keeper at St Mary of Charity in contact with FTC Officers

### **33. THE CREEK BRIDGE**

Members considered the letter from Peel Ports dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July received in response to the mayor's letter of 9<sup>th</sup> July.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Mayor would send a further letter to Peel Ports (cc Leader of KCC and Helen Whately MP)***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Mayor would write to Leader of KCC (cc Cabinet Member of Highways)***

### **34. TOWN QUAY**

The Deputy Town Clerk Reported that Swale Borough Council confirmed that the contract for the transfer of Town Quay had been issued.

### **35. RAILWAY HERITAGE**

Cllr T Martin reported that activities and talks covering Railway Heritage had been included in Open Faversham. This was the start of the process of acknowledging the railway heritage in town. There was considerable local knowledge in the area which would be drawn on. It was considered this would be a community led initiative.

Members asked to be kept informed on future discussions and developments.

### **36. ITEMS FOR REPORT**

Mr A Thorne asked for the water quality in the creek to be added to the next agenda. A discussion as to whether this should be discussed under this committee, or the Environment Committee ensued.

**ACTION:** Chair of Environment Committee and Chair of HBCC to decide.

### **37. 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.

### **38. THE CREEK BRIDGE**

The Committee received three quotes for legal advice.

Company F to be asked for clarification of a number of points.

The Meeting ended at 21:15