

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

3rd October 2024, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr C Martin (Chair)	Present	Cllr T Martin	Substitute
Cllr Saunders	Present	C Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr Gibson	Present	A Berendt	Present
Cllr Eyre	Apology	T Stonor	Present
Cllr Golding	Present	M Anderson (SBC)	Present
Cllr BJ Martin	Present		

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Cllr A Hook (KCC) Via Zoom

100. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

An apology was received from Cllr Eyre, who had been substituted by Cllr T Martin.

101. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Saunders Minute Item 103

Cllr BJ Martin Minute Item 103

Cllr T Martin Minute Item 103

102. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Subject to an amendment under minute item 092 which should refer to North Lane rather than Quay Lane, it was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 5th September 2024.**

It was agreed to include Bike Hangars on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Tim Stonor referred to a meeting held on 30th August regarding the design of the North/South walking route and expressed his disappointment at not being invited to the meeting and expressed concerns with the original designs. It was agreed that Tim Stonor's suggestions would be forwarded to WSP and the designs presented at the previous meeting would be sent to Tim Stonor.

103. Review of LCWIP and HIP

Cllr BJ Martin and Cllr Hook provided an update on item 2.2.9.

Cllr BJ Martin referred to item 3.1.2. Developments needed updating, the figures were 231 in phase one, 70 in phase two. With regards to the bridge under 3.1. Cllr BJ Martin had requested it to be resurfaced.

Tim Stonor felt some of the preamble and methodology should be put in an appendix to allow for the proposals to be presented earlier. The section on one-way streets required expansion. Figure 27 on page 40, it was felt the map was not up-to-date. 5.2.2. on page 48 reference to a crossing on Tanner Street required clarification as it was actually by Stonebridge Pond and could be further improved by installing raised tables.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to update the LCWIP with the latest comments and to present to the next Town Council meeting.**

Members moved on to the latest draft of the HIP. Regarding the junction at Love Lane/A2 proposed crossing, it was agreed that Cllr Hook would contact Jenny Watson at KCC for an update. Cllr T Martin suggested adding Conduit Street where the drainage issue remained ongoing.

It was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to update the HIP with the latest comments for submission to KCC.**

104. Kent Local Transport Plan Consultation

It was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED for the comments circulated to form the basis of the Town Council's response to the Kent Local Transport Plan Consultation.**

105. Traffic Regulation Orders – Love Lane, Faversham

It was agreed that the Committee accept the TROs as suggested and feedback the additional interventions it wanted to see.

106. Active Travel Month June 2025 and Active Travel Festival 1st June 2025

It was noted an Event Management Plan was being developed by the Claire Elliott, Events Officer. A number of cycling related activities were being investigated.

107. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

It was noted the Community Bus would be included within the Faversham Carnival, with the Council Van, with councillors and staff invited to take part dressed in appropriate clothing for the active travel theme.

A new Community Bus Officer, Karen Sutton had been engaged and she and Rob Gibbs were interviewing additional volunteer drivers.

108. Tree Planting Locations

It was noted a policy was being developed by the Environment Committee and any suggested locations could be fed back to them. It was suggested that trees, benches, and waste bins needed to be considered together at suitable points.

109. Budget 2025-2026

The following items were suggested:

- Active Travel Month
- LCWIP
- Bike Hangars
- Pedestrianisation scheme
- Development of the 20mph scheme
- Faversham Hopper

It was agreed that the Chair, Deputy Chair and the Town Clerk would arrange a meeting to discuss these items further.

110. Matters for Report

It was agreed the following items would be included:

- Bike Hangars
- Budget
- North South Walking Route and a possible visit by a KCC Officer to review work on the Route.
- Faversham Hopper

The Meeting concluded at 9pm