

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

6th February 2025, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr C Martin (Chair)	Present		Cllr BJ Martin	Apology
Cllr Saunders	Present		C Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr Gibson	Apology		T Stonor	Apology
Cllr Eyre	Present			
Cllr Golding	Apology			
Cllr T Martin	Substitute			

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Cllr Hook (KCC) (via Zoom)

M Anderson (SBC) (via Zoom)

133. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Cllrs Golding, Gibson and B Martin, who was substituted by Cllr T Martin, and T Stonor.

134. Declarations of Interest

None.

135. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

In his absence, T Stonor had sent a note to record that critical junctions on the NHP and LCWIP were not the same. Cllr Saunders confirmed that those in the NHP could not be changed. It was agreed to liaise with Adrian Berendt to ensure the LCWIP reflects the NHP and have this as an ongoing agenda item.

Cllr Saunders confirmed that he had gone back to KCC for costings on the 20mph compliance fund (Min 128). It was further agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair set up a meeting with the Duchy to inform them about the LCWIP (Min 129).

It was proposed by Cllr Eyre, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 9th January 2025.**

136. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

It was noted that there was no bus stop on the North Preston estate, and it was felt if there was it may attract more users. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Eyre and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to change the route of the Hopper Bus around North Preston.**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree to accept the insurance quotation including the change of broker to receive £200 discount.***

The Business Plan was discussed and it was agreed that the grant money should be shown as an income. Various other uses for the bus were discussed, including offering it for weddings, weekend events, and school transport.

The shortage of volunteer drivers was also noted and various ideas were suggested for future consideration.

137. A2 Crossing

Cllr Hook reported on the proposed A2 crossing and confirmed it was likely to be east of Egbert Road with a pelican/puffin crossing. It may be the road would become one way with the work happening in August. It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to ensure the Committee has early engagement with KCC regarding the crossing.***

138. Bike Hangar

The Clerk confirmed that SBC had agreed the location of the bike hangar in the Rec car park, Park Road. Concrete pads had already been installed, and delivery was awaited. It was also noted that the bike hangar in Central Car Park was full and Institute Road had 2 vacancies.

139. East to West Route Update

In his absence, the Chair noted T Stonor's comments regarding the urgent need for wooden posts at the junction of South Road and Napleton Road. It was also noted that there were similar problems in South Road and Lower Road junction, with vehicles on the pavement. It was also agreed to write to KCC to ask for a financial update.

140. Active Travel Month

The Event Officer had provided an update on the Active Travel Day event. M Anderson confirmed that Swale Cycle Recycle would attend with bikes for sale.

141. Matters for Report

Items for next agenda:

- Snagging list for East to West route
- Flood Lane

The meeting closed at 8.40pm