

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

7th November 2024, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

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

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)
A Berendt (Via Zoom) Minute Item 116 only

111. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Cllrs BJ Martin, Gibson, Eyre, Golding, BJ Martin, T Stonor, A Oliver, and M Anderson. It was noted that Cllr T Martin was a substitution on behalf of Cllr BJ Martin.

112. Declarations of Interest

None.

113. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 3rd October 2024.**

It was noted that Tim Stonor's comments on the drawings on the North/South Walking Route had been forwarded by the Town Clerk to the Chair and Deputy Chair for guidance.

Cllr Saunders had been in contact with the relevant KCC Officer regarding a tour of the East/West Walking Route and all that was required was to identify a suitable date.

114. Ham Road

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to Mike Knowles, at Swale Borough Council for guidance on whether yellow lines were the suitable option for parking issues in Ham Road, copying in Cllr Eyre, and asking Cllr Eyre to assist in consultation with local residents.**

115. Ospringe Road

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to add Ospringe Road to the LCWIP and the HIP, for measures to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety.**

116. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

Subject to adding Preston Fields access from Canterbury Road A2 under item 4, it was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree the final version of the Highways Improvement Plan.**

117. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The Town Clerk reported on a meeting scheduled to take place on 11th November with KCC regarding the community bus and KCC's plans for Faversham, although no further details were currently known.

It was agreed to adopt the updated Business Plan as a working document, to be reviewed in January 2025 with ongoing projections.

118. Allocation of Active Travel Reserve

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Town Clerk, with support from the Chair and Vice Chair, works with relevant KCC officers to develop a costed plan for allocating the £18k to road improvements which will encourage compliance with the 20mph scheme.

2. That it is endeavoured to formalise this agreement before the end of the financial year so that work can be scheduled by KCC for 2025/26.

119. Improving compliance with the Town wide 20mph Scheme

A general discussion was held on improving compliance with the 20mph Scheme, including the design of street parking, and signage.

120. Budget Proposals 2025-2026

The proposals for inclusion in the Budget for Active Travel were received and noted.

The Town Clerk reported that she was due to have a meeting with Samuel Brookfield, Climate and Ecological Emergency Projects Officer at Swale Borough Council regarding an event he was looking to hold on the Rec and a discussion was held whether this could be combined with the Active Travel event.

121. Active Travel – What Next?

Cllr Saunders provided an update on a planned talk in The Guildhall on 26th November by Adrian Berendt.

122. Matters for Report

It was agreed the following items would be included:

- LCWIP
- Bike Hangars
- Speedwatch
- Updated Faversham Hopper Business Plan

The Meeting concluded at 9pm

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Two members of the public raised a parking issue at Ham Road during school times. Parents regularly parked across their driveways, on pavements, and grass verges, despite there being spaces in the adjacent car park. Both had raised these with Swale BC, and KCC, and been passed between them.

C Oswald-Jones suggested they contact Swale BC's Parking Enforcement team as PCNs could be issued under the Traffic Management Act 2004 Section 86. It was confirmed the matter would be discussed under the Agenda item.