

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

9th January 2025, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

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

In Attendance:

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)
A Oliver (KCC) (Via Zoom)

123. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Eyre, Golding, BJ Martin, and M Anderson.

124. Declarations of Interest

None.

125. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 7th November 2024.**

126. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

Cllr Saunders felt more detail was required with regards to projections and detail on Parish Council support, estimated BSOG, and private hire.

Cllr C Martin requested information on which Parish Councils had contributed to date.

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to freeze fares at £2 within Faversham (and Oare) and £3 around the villages, to be reviewed in July 2025.**

It was agreed the revised Business Plan would be presented at the next meeting.

The revised timetable was deemed acceptable although clarification was requested on the Davington section – queried whether the bus proceeded along Broomfield Road stopping at the roundabout, left into Bramblehill, and back out of the estate and the timing of 2 minutes was felt to be unrealistic. It was agreed that if the timetable change was time sensitive it could be circulated, or an additional meeting could be arranged.

127. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) and LCWIP

It was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to add Bysing Wood Road and Dark Hill to the HIP and LCWIP.**

It was noted that Ospringe Street was already included.

128. 20mph Compliance Fund

Cllr Saunders requested an update on the A2 crossing from Cllr Hook be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the project proposals subject to some minor amendments such as including more ambitious interventions, such as raised tables and junction tightening, and to seek costs of these from KCC and to remove the Preston Avenue/Bramley Avenue intervention. The Committee makes it clear that the £18,000 quoted is to be allocated and spent on these items.**

129. Neighbourhood Plan and LCWIP

Cllr Saunders provided an overview of his paper entitled “Ensuring that the Active Travel priorities in the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan and Faversham and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan are implemented”.

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

- 1. Ensure that KCC/Swale officers and developers involve the Town Council in pre-application discussions related to proposed road layouts and cycling and walking provision.**
- 2. Ensure that KCC officers involve the Town Council in discussions about the most effective allocation of S278 highways funded works and S106 highways funding and other developer funding to achieve our active travel objectives**
- 3. Ensure that the Town Council Planning Committee actively reviews all planning applications to ensure that they meet our Town Council active travel objectives and comments appropriately.**

North to South Route

130. Cllr Saunders provided an overview of a virtual meeting held with the Consultant to the project on items including Forbes Road, Briton Road, North Lane, and Bramblehill Road.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to set up a meeting potentially including Cllr Rowlands, Adrian Oliver, (and potentially an officer from KCC Infrastructure Team) and Tim Stonor with Shepherd Neame.**

131. Active Travel Month

No update was available.

132. Matters for Report

It was agreed the following items would be included:

- Cllr Hook update on A2 Crossing
- Active Travel Month

The Meeting concluded at 9.15pm