

**AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN HERITAGE, BUILDINGS AND CREEK COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Present:** Cllr T Martin (Chair), Cllr P Cook, Cllr A Hook (KCC), Cllr R Newman, Ms P Dickenson, Mr H Goodwin and Mr A Thorne

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

**53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Crayford, B Jones and J Rowlands

**54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None Received

**55. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 were noted having been approved at Town Council on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**56. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

Refer to Actions and Matters Arising – HBCC

*(28) Old Gate Road*

*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.***

It was proposed by Mr H Goodwin, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that SBC should be asked to provide an update at six monthly intervals (the first being 18/05/25).**

**57. Museum Accreditation**

The Committee received Paper 1 on Museum Accreditation.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr P Cook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council should proceed with applying for Accreditation through the UK Museum Accreditation Scheme. Flexibility to include the Old Town Warehouse (and other assets) should be explored.**

## **58. Quinquennial Report**

The Committee received Paper 2, the Quinquennial Report on the Guildhall completed in December 2024.

It was proposed by Cllr P Cook, seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to seek quotes for scheme of works as detailed in the Quinquennial Report. The Facilities Manager should be asked to complete A1/1, A3/1 and A4/2 as a matter of priority.**

[Office Note: Facilities Manager confirms that gutters were cleared, and downpipes repaired (A1/1) in December 2024 on receipt of the report].

## **59. Railway Heritage**

Mr H Goodwin briefed the meeting on Railway Heritage in Faversham. Early discussions concerning the disused railway buildings had taken place. Members were invited to a presentation in the Railway Hotel on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Railway Heritage would feature in Open Faversham (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June).

## **60. Private Session**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr P Cook 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.

## **61. The Creek**

The Committee received Paper 3, Advice note regarding the Creek.

It was proposed by County Cllr A Hook seconded by Mr H Goodwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED the three letters described in 33, 33a and 33b should be sent by the writer of the advice note.**

Issues regarding silt caused by lack of sluicing, flooding and its effect on both highways and drains (including future problems for the town) should be included in the letters.

It was proposed by Ms P Dickenson seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council makes a contribution to the Creek Navigation Company to dredge its moorings and those in transfer to the Town Council to allow vessels to be moored at forthcoming Town Council events.**

## **62. Items for Report**

Open Faversham – Local Government  
Conservation Area Appraisal

The Meeting ended at 21:45

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