

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN HERITAGE, BUILDINGS AND CREEK COMMITTEE held in the Guildhall, on Wednesday 5th March 2025

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

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P Cook

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received

65. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February were noted having been approved at Town Council on 10th February.

66. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

Members received Actions and Matters Arising – HBCC

67. Annual Action Plan

Members received the End of Year Report to Policy and Resources Committee (3rd March 2025) and noted the EMR for items under the remit of HBCC.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that there would be five items on the Annual Action Plan for the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee for 2025-26.**

- 1) ***Opening bridge and working sluices***
- 2) ***Actioning recommendations in the quinquennial report on the Guildhall (December 2024)***
- 3) ***Acquisition of Town Quay and buildings***
- 4) ***Protection of Town Council heritage assets***
- 5) ***Promotion of heritage events***

68. Robe and Hat Repairs

It was considered that the Deputy Mayor and Councillor robes were in various states of repair.

ACTION: Mayor and Town Council Officers to compile repair schedule and seek quotes. (TM/JR)

69. Open Faversham

Mr H Goodwin updated the meeting on the plans for Open Faversham 2025. It was noted that on 3rd June in the Guildhall a session on Local Government was scheduled, starting with an historical review and finishing with the proposals for reorganisation.

70. Conservation Area Review

The meeting discussed the need for a Conservation Area Review to be undertaken. Funding is available to complete the review for Borough Councils.

ACTION: HG to raise with the Town Clerk.

71. Gunpowder Heritage

Mr H Goodwin raised concerns regarding the diminishing knowledge of the towns Gunpowder Heritage.

Chart Gunpowder Mill and Oare Gunpowder Works County Park are existing heritage assets in Faversham that need to be protected and promoted.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Committee recognised the importance of the Gunpowder Heritage in Faversham and wished those in negotiations concerning the towns assets well.**

72. 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.

73. The Creek

At the meeting of the Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee on 5th February it was resolved to send the three letters referred to as 33, 33a and 33b in the advice note.

Members reserved the quote for sending the letters. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the quote and for the letters to be sent at the earliest opportunity.**

The Meeting ended at 21:15