

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

2nd October 2025, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr C Gibson (Chair)	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Saunders (Deputy Chair)	Present	Cllr A Hook (KCC)	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Michelle Anderson (SBC)	Apology
Cllr Cook	Present from MI 204	Chris Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr BJ Martin	Present	Tim Stonor	Apology
Cllr T Martin	Apology		

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)
Adrian Oliver - KCC (via Teams)

202. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr T Martin, Tim Stonor and Michelle Anderson.

203. Declarations of Interest

None.

204. 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 meeting dated 4th September 2025.***

Cllr Saunders summarised arrangements for the North – South Walking Route Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall from 13th October until 26th October 2025. A Doodle Poll had been circulated to Councillors.

205. Faversham LCWIP

Cllr Saunders referred to discussions with the Faversham Footpath Group and KCC Officers regarding Flood Lane and the need to improve the surface for walking and improve the green space. It was agreed this item should be included on future agendas.

206. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The Town Clerk provided an update. Details of an insurance claim had been circulated to Councillors. The Community Bus Officer, Karen Sutton, had left and the Staffing Committee had agreed to see if any of the Volunteers would be interested in taking on the position.

The Town Clerk referred to the branding used on the bus and for future whether “Community Bus Service” should be deleted as it gave the impression that the service was not open to everyone. It was agreed that this should be referred to the new Community Bus Officer to look into.

The new timetable worked well with drivers and passengers.

207. 2026-2027 Budget

Cllr Saunders referred to items that would require funding including:

- LCWIP
- Responses to Larger Planning Applications
- Active Travel Month
- Faversham Hopper
- 20mph Compliance

Cllr Perkin suggested the Police be asked to do more to monitor the speed of traffic in the town. It was also suggested a discussion be held on design work to make female pedestrians feel safer in parts of town.

The Town Clerk reported that she would hear shortly whether an application for funding for two new bike hangars had been successful.

208. Swale LCWIP

A discussion was held on the Swale LCWIP, which was currently at public consultation and a display was in the Town Hall Exhibition Space until 26th October. It was agreed a submission should be made on behalf of the Town Council.

209. Bus User Survey

The Town Clerk provided an update on discussions with KCC regarding Bus User Groups.

The draft Bus User Survey was received. It was noted that the bus routes listed were not up-to-date. It should include the Hopper routes, X3, 638, 660, and the 666. Route 333 was no longer operated. The Town Clerk will update the Survey, and this will be published in the next Town Council newsletter.

210. Active Travel Month

The popularity of the Swale Re-cycle Scheme was discussed and including the Scheme in future events. The Town Clerk felt more follow-up was needed to see how the bicycles were used following purchase.

211. Matters for Report

- Accessibility in the town for mobility scooters, dropped kerbs, cutting vegetation back, rubbish bins being put back correctly.
- Audit of Salt bins.
- Love Lane changes, crossing points, speed limit.
- Preston Fields down to Ashford Road, lack of pavement, overgrown vegetation.

The meeting closed at 8:34pm.