

## MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

4<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7.30pm  
The Guildhall

Cllr C Gibson (Chair)	Present	Cllr Perkin	Apology
Cllr Saunders (Deputy Chair)	Present	Cllr A Hook (KCC)	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Michelle Anderson (SBC)	Apology
Cllr Cook	Apology	Chris Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr BJ Martin	Apology	Tim Stonor	Present until MI199.
Cllr T Martin	Present		

### In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)  
Adrian Berendt (via Teams)

### 192. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cook, BJ Martin and Perkin. An apology was also received from Michelle Anderson.

### 193. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 194. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Subject to minor amendments, Cllr Coniam to show as an apology, Minute Item 190, the motion seconded by Cllr Gibson, it was proposed by T Martin, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.***

### 195. Revised LCWIP and Proposed Additions to LCWIP

Adrian Berendt summarised the changes to the LCWIP.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to add the area of Stonebridge Pond/West Street/Curtis Way to the list of interventions for the North/South Walking Route included in the LCWIP.***

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the changes to the LCWIP.***

### 196. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The Town Clerk provided a report on developments with the Community Bus:

- Kent Messenger article had seen a number of people come forward to volunteer as drivers.
- The new timetable came into effect this week.
- A more professional looking timetable leaflet would be desirable, including a map of the routes.

Chris Oswald-Jones referred to the Kiln Court bus stop. Although Kiln Court had been renamed Acacia Court this did not mean the bus stops had changed. Makenade Avenue was incorrectly labelled on the timetable and this required amending.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to contact KCC regarding renaming the Kiln Court bus stop to something more appropriate.***

It was agreed that a diagram or map of the routes should be drafted and circulated to members of the Committee for comment. This could then be displayed at bus stops where it was possible to do this.

#### **197. East West and North South Walking Routes**

Cllr Saunders provided a summary of the plans to hold an exhibition at the Town Hall during the period 13<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October to inform the public of the plans, seek feedback, and help build support for the scheme. Three visualisations were in development for the exhibition. There would be a survey form available for visitors to the exhibition to complete and this would be made available online too.

#### **198. Consultation on creating Safer Streets in Athelstan Road and Cambridge Road area**

A discussion was held on the proposed consultation with residents in Athelstan Road, and Cambridge Road regarding speeding and rat running. It was discussed extending this consultation to School Road and possibly surrounding roads such as Plantation Road and Saxon Road. Adrian Berendt was developing a questionnaire with ward Councillors.

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to consult with residents in Athelstan Road, Cambridge Road, and School Road.***

#### **199. Public Transport**

Tim Stonor left the meeting.

A discussion was held on cuts to the frequency of bus services to Canterbury by Stagecoach. This had seen 2 buses per hour go down to 1 bus per hour, and this was sometimes late or cancelled. People with wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and pushchairs were struggling to board services due to overcrowding.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to carry out a survey of bus users in***

***Faversham including whether there was an appetite for a Faversham Bus Users' Group.***

Cllr Hook referred to the proposed Duchy development and the possible expansion of use of the train service. It was suggested that the Duchy could help fund the possible expansion of the station, including a possible new station. Cllr Gibson agreed to raise this with the Planning Committee at Swale Borough Council.

**200. Active Travel Month**

A report from the Events Officer was received.

A discussion was held on the future of the Active Travel Day event and whether this should be split into more focused activities over weekends in conjunction with the market.

A discussion was held on the potential of working with schools to create walking school buses.

**201. Matters for Report**

- Swale LCWIP consultation

The meeting closed at 9:34pm.