

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN HERITAGE, BUILDINGS AND CREEK COMMITTEE held in the Guildhall, on Wednesday 1st April 2026

Present:

Cllr P Cook (Chair)	Present	Cllr A Eyre	Absent
Cllr K Golding	Absent	Cllr B J Martin	Absent
Cllr T Martin (Deputy Chair)	Present	Cllr R Newman	Present
Cllr J Rowlands	Present	Cllr A Hook (KCC)	Present
Ms P Dickenson	Present	Mr H Goodwin	Present (Virtual)
Mr A Thorne	Present	Cllr L Coniam	Substitution

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)
Stacey Woolf (Facilities Manager)

187. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Eyre, K Golding and B J Martin

188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

189. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage, Buildings and Committee held on 4th March 2026.**

It was noted that the minutes had been approved at Town Council on 9th March.

190. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

The latest version of Actions and Matters arising was received.

191. TOWN QUAY AND BUILDINGS

Members received Paper 1 - Tender Documents for RIBA stages 0 – 2. The matrix of the combined scores and report was tabled.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr BJM Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RECOMMENDED that Company D be appointed for RIBA stages 0 – 2 (£19,637.60 + VAT)**

Cllr P Cook abstained

192. MAGNA CARTA

Members received Paper 4 – Proposal for loan of the Magna Carta

Members expressed concerns regarding the safety of the Magna Carta travelling to the USA at this juncture.

It was considered that further information was required before a decision on loaning the Magna Carta could be taken.

From the company proposing to facilitate the loan:

- 1) Clarification of loan period – Noted that the period of agreement could be reduced to three years. Members want details of actual loan period.
- 2) Clarification of the payment – Confirmation that the sum quoted is per venue that the Magna Carta is displayed at.
- 3) Details on security arrangements

From the Charter Officer:

- 1) Details of visitor numbers – are they still increasing or have they plateaued
- 2) Details of stock and sales of Magna Carta merchandise
- 3) Details of donations
- 4) Details of the arrangement for sales between the Faversham Society and the Town Council
- 5) Details on how the loan would affect school visits, are they interested in other items on display or would the loan of the Magna Carta suspend visits.

Other factors to be considered:

- 1) Values of proposed venues
- 2) Legal agreement

It was also considered that a Magna Carta event should be held in Faversham, this should be referred to the Community Committee.

ACTION: Bodleian Library, Lincoln Cathedral and Sandwich Town Council to be contacted regarding their experience of loaning their document. DTC

193. The GUILDHALL

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the contract for work on the Guildhall had not yet been signed and the start date set. There were still outstanding issues concerning the scaffolding and road closures which concerned parties were working to resolve.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RECOMMENDED that the approved Public Works Loan be drawn down and invested, subject to confirmation that the figures are favourable.***

194. THE BLAST WALL

It was noted that on 9th March KCC had informed the DTC that the Blast Wall case had been passed to the Structures Programme Manager, who had confirmed that a further inspection of would be carried out. Details of the inspection and the requested specification for the rebuild had not been received.

ACTION: KCC to be chased for a response DTC

195. ITEMS FOR REPORT

Old Gate Structure – Old Gate Road

196. PRIVATE SESSION

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by Cllr T Martin 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.

197. CREEK BRIDGE

Members received the correspondence from Simon Bell and draft letter for Action 2 (Resolved 7th January 2026)

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the draft letter should be approved subject to final proofing by the DTC.***

PD updated members regarding the use of funds held by the Creek Trust.

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands seconded by T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that a working group be formed to assist the Creek Trust with the administration regarding virement of funds.***

The meeting closed at 21.00