

MINUTES OF Active Travel Committee Meeting

07 May 2026, 7:30pm

The Guildhall

Present

Cllr C Gibson (Chair)	Apology	Cllr Perkin	Apology
Cllr Saunders (Vice Chair)	Present	Cllr A Hook (KCC)	Present
Cllr Coniam	Apology	Michelle Anderson (SBC)	Apology
Cllr Cook	Apology	Chris Oswald-Jones	Present
Cllr B Martin	Present	Tim Stonor	Apology
Cllr T Martin	Present	Adrian Oliver (KCC)	Apology

In attendance:

Rob Gibbs (Office Manager)

Public Questions

None.

268 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Cllr Saunders took the Chair. Apologies were received from Cllr Gibson, Cllr Coniam, Cllr Cook, Cllr Perkin, Michelle Anderson, Tim Stonor, and Adrian Oliver.

269 Declarations of Interest

None.

270 Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr 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 2nd April 2026.**

It was confirmed these had been approved by the Full Town Council on 13th April 2026 and the amendments agreed at that meeting had been made.

271 Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The report on the proposed donation by KCC of a 2015 Fiat Ducato minibus was received.

It was proposed by Cllr B Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RECOMMENDED that the Town Council accepts the donation of the minibus with a view to retaining the vehicle as a spare for the bus services, and developing a minibus hire provision for local community groups.**

The following conditions were agreed as part of the recommendation. That the amount available from the Active Travel EMR for commissioning the vehicle for service to be capped at £7000. Any receipts from selling the vehicle in the future to be allocated to the Active Travel EMR.

272 Project Updates

a) Highway Improvement Plan

Cllr Saunders reported that KCC had agreed that we could add the LCWIP as an appendix to our Highway Improvement Plan once it was revised.

b) 20mph Compliance

Cllr Saunders reported that KCC had agreed to review the list of new 20mph roundels we had submitted to them, to see whether they met their criteria. A new roundel had gone into Saxon Road recently funded by directly by KCC.

Online meetings with residents in the Athelstan Road and Cambridge Road areas are being planned, with introductions and invites being co-ordinated by Adrian Berendt.

273 North South Walking Route

A report on progress on the North South Walking Route was received. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr B Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to write to the KCC Active Travel team giving the following feedback:***

- ***There is strong community support for a crossing of North Lane, particularly a zebra and that it is a priority for the Town Council even if the complete scheme for the area proposed by WSP cannot be funded.***
- ***There is also strong community support for surface level crossings of the A2 near the Abbey School and near Brogdale Road. The committee continues to see these as a priority and would be keen to have input into any final decision on locations.***
- ***While the committee supports the plans for interventions at the Bramblehill/Church Roads and Briton/Forbes Road junctions they will need to be responsively designed to ensure that they retain public support.***
- ***Interventions on the A2 near Brogdale Rd, Mall/Forbes Road, West St by Stonebridge Pond and Stone Street by Dorset Place will have public support if there is funding available to develop and implement them as part of the project.***

274 Faversham LCWIP

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr B Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to add the following interventions to the Faversham LCWIP:**

- ***Improvements to the island at the A2 junction with Salters Lane.***
- ***Improvements for crossing at the Preston Lane/Preston Fields area.***
- ***Lighting improvements Whitstable Road Pedestrian Bridge.***

275 Active Travel Month

Rob Gibbs provided an update on Active Travel Month, noting that leaflets had been produced and promoted at the Town Hall and on social media. A team of volunteers had come forward to lead bat walks, completing classroom and currently undergoing practical training. It was hoped some bat walks would be able to be organised once training had been concluded.

276 Matters for Report

- Annual Budget, in particular allocation of Mobility and Safety budget
- Faversham Bus Users Forum
- Abbey School/Perry Court Footpath Upgrade

The meeting closed at 8:30pm