

MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

2nd September 2026 at 7:30pm

The Guildhall

Present: Cllr B Martin (Chair), Cllr Saunders (Vice Chair), Cllr Gibson, Cllr T Martin, Cllr Perkin, Cllr A Hook (KCC), C Oswald-Jones, A Oliver (KCC), M Anderson (SBC)

Apologies: Cllr Cook, Cllr Rowlands, and Tim Stonor

In attendance: R Gibbs (Office Manager), A Berendt (online)

Public Questions:

Members of the public were in the gallery, but no questions were raised under this item.

306. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Cook, Cllr Rowlands, and Tim Stonor.

307. Declarations of Interest

None.

308. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 1st July 2026 subject to an amendment under Minute Item 301 to change “pelican crossing” to traffic light-controlled crossing***.

Cllr Hook provided an update on footpath ZF18. It had been discovered by KCC in the Highways Gazetteer, that the section of the footpath from London Road, from the Abbey School to where it split in two near the entrance to the premises of Ideaworks, was called Perry Court Path.

It was agreed that Cllr B Martin would contact SBC to initiate public consultation for naming the whole footpath (including the stretch leading to the allotment site) as Perry Court Path.

Cllr Hook advised that the KCC designer who attended the A2 crossing consultation meeting was optimistic that a stretch of pavement could be installed in Brogdale Road near the junction with the A2 where there was currently only pavement on one side. Discussions were taking place with the Abbey School about using some land in exchange for new fencing to be installed.

309. Action Plan Review

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to adopt the previously agreed Committee Priorities, Projects and Budgets 2026/27 paper as the Committee’s Annual Action Plan with an addition detailing Cllr Perkin’s Mobility and Safety***

project work around improving movement around town for women and girls and people with disabilities.

310. Highway Improvement Plan

Cllr Hook provided an update on 20mph for Ospringe Street and Water Lane.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the updated HIP for submission to KCC for review.***

311. Bysing Wood and West Faversham Feasibility Study

It was proposed by Cllr B Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Meeting Notes of the Bysing Wood and West Faversham Feasibility Study Working Group Minutes dated 21st July 2026 and to accept the recommendation to proceed through the KCC Framework with a view to engaging Jacobs who would sub-contract to PJA.***

The Feasibility Study Consultant Template Brief for Faversham LCWIP Walking Route 10 Bysing Wood/West Faversham Area document was noted.

312. Project Updates

Bus Users Forum

The Meeting Notes of the Faversham Bus Users' Forum dates 16th July 2026 were noted.

The date of the meeting of the Faversham Bus Users' Committee Working Group was noted as 11th September.

North South Walking Route

It was agreed Cllr B Martin would write to the Howard Academy Trust suggesting a review of A2 crossing arrangements for the Abbey School.

Dropped Kerbs

Adrian Oliver provided an update on KCC's plan in relation to the list of dropped kerbs submitted to KCC. Staff would be reviewing and prioritising proposals.

Chris Oswald-Jones referred to SLOW road markings in South Road having faded and Adrian Oliver suggested referring to Daniel Cannon-Skeet of KCC.

20mph Compliance Fund

Cllr Saunders reported that a meeting was being set up for 20th October to engage with residents of Cambridge Road.

It was proposed by Cllr B Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Project Updates as noted.***

313. Mobility and Safety Project

Cllr Perkin summarised the report and recommendations.

It was agreed that a Women and Girls Active Travel Safety Audit should be carried out. Using Commonplace to gather online responses was suggested and it was agreed to explore practicalities further.

Michelle Anderson referred to community engagement work carried out by Maidstone Borough Council and advised she would email the link to a video to Cllr Perkin.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr B Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Mobility and Safety Report, for Cllr Perkin to look at holding a forum to seek a wide range of views, and for the Office Manager to obtain a quote from Commonplace in order for the Survey to be carried out.***

314. Traffic Regulation Order – Swale Amendment 3 2026

Standing Orders were suspended to enable members of the public in the gallery a chance to comment.

A member of the public expressed support for the measures proposed, particularly the introduction of restrictions in Court St resident bays on Sundays.

It was proposed by Cllr B Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to respond to the consultation in support of the proposals.***

Recorded vote:

For: Cllr B Martin, Cllr T Martin, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Perkin

Abstained: Cllr Saunders

315. Parish Bus Stop Shelter Grant

It was agreed not to proceed with a grant application at this stage.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to refer the suggestion of a bus shelter audit to the Faversham Bus Users Committee.***

316. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The Office Manager summarised the report. Passenger figures had increased year on year, and August had seen a particularly sharp increase due to the introduction of the Saturday service on route FH2.

Despite the loss of one volunteer driver, further potential volunteers had come forward for training.

The Office Manager was awaiting KCC to open the Community Transport Grant. Michelle Anderson referred to S106 funding from Perry Court and would liaise with the Office Manager on this.

There had been a delay in the donation of a vehicle by KCC due to there being a possibility of receiving a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter instead of the Fiat Ducato – further details were awaited.

Cllr Hook discussed the proposed filming by KCC of the Hopper on 4th September. It was agreed Cllr B Martin would contact the Communications Officer at KCC to request this was postponed until the messaging of the filming was clarified, and when the Hop Festival was over.

The report and recommendations from the Age Friendly Working Group's Workshop on 20th August 2026 were received and noted.

317. Faversham LCWIP

Cllr Saunders referred to South Road and the area outside the Almshouses – the crossing was not a raised table and may not be particularly visible. A resident had also indicated support for a crossing further down South Road towards Lower Road. Cllr Saunders suggested including in the LCWIP the request for a review of the crossing points by KCC.

318. Matters for Report

- Podpoint Charging points in Central Car Park – it had been noted only one out of the four charging points were working. Cllr B Martin would contact SBC.
- Agenda items for the next meeting to include an update on the West Faversham Feasibility Study and a review of the routes used in the LCWIP. Current routes were identified for audit purposes and don't necessarily reflect committee priorities in terms of routes we want improved. Adrian Berendt to be asked to produce a paper on this.

The meeting closed at 9:22pm.