MINUTES OF THE ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

7th October 2026 at 7:30pm

Faversham Town Hall

Present: Cllr Saunders (Acting Chair), Cllr Coniam, Cllr T Martin, Cllr Perkin, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr A Hook (KCC), C Oswald-Jones, A Oliver (KCC), M Anderson (SBC)

Apologies: Cllr B Martin (Chair), Cllr Gibson, T Stonor

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

Public Questions:

None.

319. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B Martin, Cllr Gibson, and Tim Stonor. It was noted that Tim Stonor and Adrian Berendt were online. Additionally, it was noted that Cllr Coniam was substituting for Cllr Gibson.

320. Declarations of Interest

Tim Stonor – DPI – Minute Item 322 Bysing Wood and West Faversham Feasibility Study

321. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, 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 2nd September 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.***

322. Bysing Wood and West Faversham Feasibility Study

The completed template specification document had been signed off by SBC, and as of this morning had been awaiting sign off by the KCC Director of Highways and Transportation. This had now been completed. There was some further work for Adrian Oliver and Michelle Anderson to complete and once done the next stage would be for KCC's Contracts Team to engage with Jacobs and PJA. Although there was a March 2027 deadline for the Feasibility Study to be completed this was a little more flexible than first thought.

323. Project Updates

a) Bus Users' Forum

The Office Manager provided an update on the Bus Users' Forum. An interim Committee had been formed, made up of volunteers who had come forward.

The Interim Committee had requested a small budget from the Town Council for the production of some stickers that could be placed on bus stops. The stickers would detail how bus users could communicate with the Forum.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the Meeting it was ***RESOLVED to allocate up to £100 from the Active Travel Committee Consultancy and Project Budget to the Faversham Bus Users' Forum for production of bus stop stickers.***

b) Dropped Kerbs

Adrian Oliver provided an update on progress installing new dropped kerbs. In addition to the list supplied by this Committee, additional locations would receive dropped kerbs. Faversham was being used as a pilot for this new delivery system and other towns would follow.

There were some identified within the conservation area that Adrian Oliver would be consulting Councillors regarding the materials used.

The Committee thanked Adrian Oliver for his work on pushing the project forward.

c) 20mph Compliance

Cllr Saunders reported that Adrian Berendt would be holding an engagement meeting with Cambridge Road residents on 20th October. Once this had progressed, he would then look to engage with Athelstan Road residents.

Cllr Perkin reported on residents' concerns in Whitstable Road and that there should be some engagement with them in the future.

Councillors discussed the update at the recent JTB meeting regarding an Ospringe 20mph scheme.

324. Mobility and Safety Project

The Office Manager reported he had received an initial quote from Commonplace for £5000. Cllr Perkin reported it would be helpful to have some professional advice on the framing of the questions.

Michelle Anderson reported on VAWG and ASB work by Borden Grammar School, in Sittingbourne and EKC Sheppey School. Additionally, Sateda would be able to assist in this aspect. Adrian Oliver advised contacting the University of Westminster's Active Travel Academy regarding such research and they may be able to assist with funding. Tim Stonor advised that Commonplace had been used on a free subscription basis during the 20's Plenty consultation and had been very effective.

It was agreed to use SurveyMonkey for the survey. Cllr Perkin agreed to contact the University of Westminster for advice on framing questions.

325. Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service

The Office Manager presented a report on the current and projected financials for the Faversham Hopper.

It was reported that there was likely to be an approximate £2,000 funding gap against what had been budgeted, despite increasing passenger numbers. Increased diesel prices and insurance costs were a factor. In addition, there was also a sum of £9,499 for vehicle leasing costs which was not clearly accounted for which was was being verified with the RFO.

It was agreed that the Office Manager would present a proposed budget for 2027/28 for the next meeting. He also reported that he still hoped to make an application to KCC's Community Transport Grant for a new vehicle, but the process had not yet been opened.

326. Faversham LCWIP

Adrian Berendt introduced his report on proposals for updating the LCWIP. There was some historic information that could be moved to an appendix. Guidance from relevant bodies such as Active Travel England had also changed.

There also needed to be a thorough update walking and cycling routes priority routes which he asked for feedback on.

Routes mentioned included:

- East West Walking Route
- Perry Court Lane to Perry Court Allotments with a fork to the Allotment Site and to Aldi
- Love Lane/Graveney Road route to Graveney School to encourage cycling
- Include the parish boundary changes
- Routes from new developments such as Ashford Road/Preston Fields and new development at Perry Court past Aldi
- Standard Quay ZF39
- Whether Abbey Street could be improved for cycling on the road rather than people cycling on the pavement as was the current situation.
- Salters Lane extend out by Preston Lane to aid movement to Faversham Football Club.
- Davington School area parking issues at school times
- The Street, Oare and Oare Road improvements near Gist

Adrian Oliver suggested updating the Origin Destination Origin Data Analysis since new developments had been built and that it would be important to carry out some community engagement as part of the process.

Cllr T Martin suggested asking developers for their Travel Plan Surveys and it was suggested contacting Swale BC for assistance with this.The report was

noted and it was agreed that Adrian Berendt would work on a project timeline.

327. Matters for Report

- Faversham Hopper Budget for 2027/28
- Mobility and Safety Project Update
- S106 funds for Ashford Road/Perry Court area – potential bus stops

The meeting closed at 8:39pm.