

Notes from the Faversham Future Forum dated 8th August 2019

Present: Geoff Wade (GW), Sue Akhurst (SA), Cllr K Barker (KB), Graeme Barthurst, Mike Henderson (MH), Tim Gascoyne (TG), Harold Goodwin (HG), Mathew Hatchell (MH), Debbie Lawther (DL), Findlay Macdonald (FM), Cllr Ben J Martin (BJM), Lawrie McMahon (LM), Robert Morrison (RM), Maria Newman (MN), Chris Oswald-Jones (COJ), Cllr Hannah Perkin (HP), Jenny Reeves (JR), Cllr Alison Reynolds (AR), Marika Sherwood (MS), James Somerville-Meikle (JSM), Cllr Eddie Thomas (ET), Merylyn Thomas (MT), Cllr Jeff Tutt (JT), Cllr Chris Williams (CW),

In attendance: Ms Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

- 1. Apologies:** C Boraston, S Campbell, A Gould, J Irwin, T Stonor, J Turner, A Walker, and C Wright

2. Notes

It was agreed that the notes should include only decisions and follow ups with key bullet points with actions.

3. Items for AOB

Planning enforcement, 20's Plenty, buses, community policing, National Citizens Service

4. Neighbourhood Plan

- 4.1 A NHP feasibility workshop proposal is going to the Town Council in September for their consideration.
- 4.2 Simon Algar, SBC Conservation Officer, has contacted the Faversham Society regarding the conservation area review and surveying all streets.
- 4.3 Alison Peters is Swale's Urban Design and Landscape Officer.
- 4.4 JT had raised concerns about green space between settlements. Areas of concern are Selling, Sheldwich, Herne Hill and Graveney. Dunkirk and Boughton's draft NHP has been returned by SBC with comments.
- 4.5 Swale Landscape Sensitivity Assessment responses required by 9th September. It was agreed to informally encourage people to read and respond.

Action AB to circulate link to Building Better, Building Beautiful Interim Report

5. Future Health and Community Care Need

- 5.1 LM confirmed meeting due to take place on 19th September.
- 5.2 MH noted the need to be looking 5-10 years ahead. He also suggested the need of a representative from Faversham Health Matters. HP is FTC's representative on FHM.

Action AB to circulate LM's paper

6. Highways – Verbal Update

6.1 CW had sent apologies. Cllr Mike Whiting to attending a Faversham Society Members' Meeting to consider a model for traffic movement.

7. Education

7.1 The need for additional secondary school places was noted, together with the need to influence and shape the future through a NHP. GW was liaising with Head from the QE and Abbey schools and will contact primary schools.

7.2 Local young people will not earn enough to live in Faversham. Vocational subjects are no longer available at the Abbey. Options, other than A Levels, were needed.

7.3 GW's report was agreed subject to first sentence being removed. The information on the number of houses to be built was not correct.

7.4 Social mobility provided an opportunity to get the best education

7.5 No higher education or special need provision allocated and no mention of pre-school.

7.6 Long delay in the County receiving money to provide schools, support and lobbying should be given to ease the burden to ensure funds are available sooner to prevent the need to borrow.

7.7 SBC requires a minimum 35% affordable housing in Faversham. The Duchy may consider truly affordable rent at 60% of market value. The Faversham Community Land Trust is set to provide housing which would be bought and sold at discounted rates in perpetuity.

7.8 Lambeth Council had bought private houses to use as their own social housing. This did not affect anything provided locally.

Action GW to coordinate liaison with schools and provide statistics on how many Faversham children attend the QE.

8. Creek Heritage Harbour

8.1 Brian Pain would be presenting to FTC on behalf of the Creek Navigation CIC regarding the Town Jetty.

9. Heritage Hub

9.1 Three exhibitions are being held in 12 Market Place – Cleve Hill, Nature and the Environment and History.

10. Community Green Action Environment Project

10.1 Suggesting Spring/Summer of 2020, depending on what else is happening in Swale. What support would there be for the event.

11. East Kent Recycling

- 11.1 EKR got planning permission with 5-2 votes, despite 194 objections and only 3 supporters. The waste is construction demolition on large lorries.
- 11.2 The Chair of KCC Planning, Alan Marsh, came to Oare PC meeting. The original permit was dated 1993 and had few restrictions. An additional 50+ restrictions have been added, agreed these were meaningless if they were not enforced.
- 11.3 A maximum of 160 lorry movements are allowed.
- 11.4 Andersons do have a veto on neighbours from an agreement with Bretts.
- 11.5 Members were asked to report any lorries seen which had unsafe loads, advised to take photographs, note location and registration number. These will be collected and logged. Please email to uproare@gmail.com.
- 11.6 Send any photos of dangerous lorries to Kent Police. It was also suggested to email Alan Marsh direct.
- 11.7 All the Euro 6 lorries were being used at the Aylesham site.
- 11.8 Full conditions had not been published.

12. Cleve Hill

- 12.1 Helen Whately MP had secured an adjournment debate on 9th September.
- 12.2 It was noted that Graham Thomas did an excellent job, but there was a bank of consultants and barristers and SBC did not have the same expertise in-house.
- 12.3 The Faversham Society had not been invited to the meeting with the MP and the RSPB.
- 12.4 Net carbon needed to be recognised and on the agenda.
- 12.5 It was agreed that the Faversham Future Forum would join forces with the Faversham Society, Creek Trust and Heritage Harbour.

13. Any Other Business

FM asked for why there were two committees for 20's Plenty and questioned why the work of Tim Stonor and Amanda Russell was being duplicated