

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM 20's PLENTY COMMITTEE MEETING held on Thursday 4th June 2020, 7pm

Present:

Cllr Thomas	Cllr Saunders	Cllr Williams
Cllr Jackson	Cllr Barker	T Stonor
A Russell		

Present

L Bareham (Town Clerk)	C Windridge (EDO)	
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28.	<p><u>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to elect Cllr Thomas as Chair for the Civic Year 2020-2021</i></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to elect Cllr Saunders as Vice Chair for the Civic Year 2020-2021</i></p>	
29.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Chris Oswald-Jones.</p>	
30.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None</p>	
31.	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>Cllr Saunders noted an amendment to Item 27 Cllr Saunders to meet with community representatives to discuss community engagement.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting dated 23rd April 2020 were proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as amended</i></p>	
32	<p><u>Experimental Traffic Order</u></p> <p>ET asked if there were any questions regarding the ETO. KB asked if there was an opportunity to re-route certain type of traffic ie HGVs, the NHP steering group were looking at business districts with traffic routed in certain ways. AH suggested an ETO could provide different options, but TS recommended avoiding anything that was not already in the ETO so not to complicate things. AR mentioned Commonplace consultation platform and noted the Emergency Active Travel Fund.</p>	

33.	<p><u>Financial Planning</u></p> <p>JS noted the first phase cost was estimated to be £143k but detailed work was still required. He confirmed £30k secured from KCC, £28k in 2020/21 and 2021/22 from FTC.</p> <p>Other potential funding sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) KCC were submitting an application to DfT but unsure if all costs would be covered. b) SBC special projects and improve town centre; application submitted Cabinet Member for the Environment was supportive. ET also noted that Nick Vickers had suggested minimising the necessity for FTC to take out a loan. c) Members' grants, although only small amounts d) Re-allocating FTC budget (with the approval of committees) e) KCC Member's grant f) Public works loan; interest of only 2% and cost of the loan is already built into the existing budget so would not be problematic to repay <p>AR asked about funding from Andersons. ET suggested SBC Ward Member Ben A Martin had more details, but thought once the ETO was agreed Andersons would be more interested in contributing</p>	
34.	<p><u>Community Engagement and Working Group Update</u></p> <p>AR questioned the increased quote from KCC; it may relate to their bid to DfT.</p> <p>Subjects to advertise include air quality; what monitoring has been done prior to implementation and after. Claire Linden is SBC monitoring officer.</p> <p>KCC's active travel strategy, how is this monitored? Vicky Harvey KCC road safety has experience in these surveys. Ann Wine specialises in consultations, Tom Moore is press officer. Lots of enthusiasm from KCC officers.</p> <p>TS noted the need for comms to be about listening as well as speaking; hear then respond. He had obtained a discount from Commonplace and also recommended Createstreets. ET confirmed he would ask Jamie Watson to use one of these methods.</p> <p>The steering group will agree a marketing plan next week.</p> <p>JS suggested putting on hold any consultation regarding a loan as there was already a lot of community engagement going on.</p>	ET

<p>KCC will lead on the community campaign with FTC influencing; the messaging needs to be clear and accurate; encouraging cycling and walking; how it works and benefits to residents; right information and budget.</p> <p>JS and TS to have a conversation regarding Commonplace</p> <p>JS had also contacted Adrian Berendt who had said he would be happy to work with us. Claire Windridge could make time available to assist with social media and was invited to Wednesday's meeting.</p> <p>AH agreed a plan would be good with a preference for FTC to lead as we had the knowledge. TS noted the need for having good arguments against opposition and evidence had already been obtained from the National Community First Responders group for example. It was agreed that KCC were enthusiastic but local knowledge and expertise was key, so there was a strong need to collaborate.</p> <p>AR had also spoken to Adrian who agreed that KCC did not have the knowledge and it could get complicated so there was a need to have someone project manage.</p> <p>It was agreed that engagement was more valuable than consultation.</p> <p>Benefits – savings to public health, not catching speeders but making it better for walking and cycling.</p> <p>ET noted emailing Jamie Watson and his KCC colleagues with point on how to combat negativity.</p> <p>AR suggested a 'you said, we did' section on changes made to original plans. AH agreed this would be good and asked for all documents to be on a page on the website.</p> <p>CW didn't want to lose the opportunity for environmental improvements post C-19; it was a catalyst for more pedestrians in future and didn't want cyclists to get back in their cars and wanted people to reflect on how it could be done.</p> <p>TS agreed that was the silver lining to C-19; planters and visual frictions were now likely to be looked after having seen residents taking over their streets during the last few months.</p> <p>Important events linked to documents needed sifting through requiring a publicist or archivist for the website. It was important that the town owned the project.</p> <p>JS suggested an implementation date of w/c 7th August subject to KCC's bid timeline.</p>	<p>JS/T S</p>
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35.	<p><u>Phase One</u> Phase one will consist of signs around the town, external gateways and lighting, phase two will involve removing middle lines and build outs.</p> <p>A further quote is awaited from PJA for outline drawings.</p> <p>Gateways, or community corners/place-making, will be an opportunity for Faversham in Bloom volunteers and the planting will provide a benefit, but AH noted they needed to be robust against vandalism.</p> <p>AH suggested an opportunity for local schools to design signage.</p> <p>TS noted that Westbrook Stream had been full of rubbish, but now it is looked after by volunteers it doesn't attract rubbish; he thought the community corners would be similar.</p> <p>AR preferred the wording community corners to gateways.</p>	
36.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> TS suggested the need for a parallel conversation as 20's Plenty was foundational to the NHP.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 20.40	