

Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday 19th April 2012
7-9pm

The Guildhall, Faversham

Those Present:

Nigel Kay, Faversham Town Councillor (FTC) – Chairman
Mike Cosgrove, Swale Borough Councillor (SBC) – Vice Chairman
Anne Salmon, Faversham Creek Consortium Management Group Member
Trevor Payne, Faversham Town Councillor
Mike Henderson, Swale Borough Councillor
Andrew Osborne, Faversham Creek Consortium Management Group Member
John Sell, Faversham Town Council Planning Agent
Tony Fullwood, Independent Planning Consultant
Natalie Earl, Swale Borough Council Senior Planner

1/ Apologies and agreement of March minutes

There were no apologies and minutes of the March meeting were agreed.

2/ Feedback on Streetscape consultation – Tony Fullwood

Tony Fullwood reported that in general comments received were positive about the process and the ideas which were put forward.

There had been confusion by some people about the Strategy, as they thought it was the Neighbourhood Plan and therefore had made comments which did not relate to the Streetscape Strategy itself. The sluicing and new bridge were never intended to be covered by this Strategy.

Richard Guise is currently re-drafting the document in the light of comments received and is liaising with KCC Highways to ensure that it is acceptable to them.

The final Streetscape Strategy will be taken to Faversham Town Council (on 6th June) to endorse and then to SBC and KCC Joint Transportation Board to endorse.

ACTION: Mike Cosgrove to look at what sort of report is needed and what the recommendations would be.

It was asked that thanks be passed on to Richard Guise for all of his hard work.

3/ BMM Weston - Reaction to Site Visit

Everyone agreed that the site visit had been worthwhile.

Andrew Osborne, Mike Cosgrove and Tony Fullwood had subsequently met with John Cleaver again to go into more detail about possible development plans.

It was agreed to re-visit the site to look at the eastern end of the car park in particular. As you will be aware the Faversham Creek regeneration project is now being taken forward by Faversham Town Council in the Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan. This gives communities direct power to plan the areas in which they live but the plan can relate only to the use and development of land.

The Steering Group will meet there at 6.30 on 23rd May before the next Steering Group meeting.

It was agreed that Andrew Osborne, Mike Cosgrove and Tony Fullwood would meet with John Cleaver again.

ACTION: Andrew Osborne to arrange a meeting.

4/ Update from Faversham Creek Consortium

Mike Cosgrove informed the group that the AGM was held earlier this month and was well attended by about 110 people. Jeremy Lamb reported on the Consortium's work of the last year, Anne Salmon reported on the Neighbourhood Planning process and Nigel Kay and Geoff Wade did a presentation on their lottery bid.

It was reported that there was some negativity about the bridge, sluice gates and dredging.

5/ Landowner Meetings – SECOS site visit, Standard House and Medway Ports

It was agreed that the preferred date was May 2nd at 5pm.

ACTION: Natalie to ask the owner and then confirm to the group.

Standard House owners were unable to attend this meeting but are invited to the next meeting and Medway Ports are to be invited to the next meeting.

ACTION: Natalie to invite Standard House and Medway Ports to the next meeting.

6/ Exhibition Arrangements - Saturday 5th May

- Draft Exhibition Text Discussion

It was agreed that more needed to be added about process, the relationship with the Core Strategy and Streetscape Strategy and the consequences of doing nothing. The bridge and sluice gates are also to be mentioned.

ACTION: Tony Fullwood to redraft text and circulate early next week.

- Posters

Natalie handed round posters and asked people to display them wherever possible. Please can people let Natalie know where they are on display.

- Leaflet

Mike Cosgrove has finished the leaflet with the help of John Coulter and it is being printed. It will be ready for collection early next week.

ACTION: Andrew Culham agreed to do a rota of Town Councillors and Steering Group members to deliver to all of Faversham.

- Attendance

Natalie said that all the slots were full and she would send round the final attendance sheet shortly.

- Publicity

ACTION: Nigel Kay agreed to liaise with the press re an article the week before the exhibition.

ACTION: Everyone was asked to see if their respective organisations had any display boards that we could borrow.

ACTION: Natalie will design a comments form for the exhibition.

ACTION: Tony Fullwood to do a question and answer sheet for everyone so that everyone answers consistently on the day. **ACTION:** Everyone to email any questions to Natalie.

7/ Budget – Natalie Earl

Natalie updated the group that the Vanguard £20,000 was being treated alongside the money which Swale BC are spending on the project.

ACTION: Natalie will bring a detailed version of the budget to the next meeting.

8/ CIL Timetable – Natalie Earl

Swale has just advertised for a CIL Officer jointly with Maidstone. The CIL must be in place by April 2014. Natalie and Tony have been talking to the Head of Development Services about how Faversham Creek will fit into this.

9/ Resume of the relevant sections of the Employment Land Review (ELR) and the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) – Natalie Earl

Natalie handed around a spreadsheet of all of the creek sites scores for both the Employment Land Review (ELR) and the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). She explained that both documents were on Swale's website.

ACTION: Natalie to email the spreadsheet to the group.

10/ AOB

It was agreed to ask Medway Ports to the next meeting and ask them to report on the sluice gates.

It was agreed to ask the KCC bridge engineers to attend the next meeting.

ACTION: Mike Cosgrove to invite them.

Dates for future meetings will be arranged at the next meeting.

Dates for future meetings - 23 May