

Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday 22 March 2012
7pm

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
Julie Davies, Swale Borough Council Senior Planner - Secretary

1. Apologies and minutes of the last meetings:

Apologies were received from Natalie Earl. The minutes of the meetings held on 22 and 29 February 2012 were agreed.

2. BMM Weston – report from Tony Fullwood

Tony Fullwood reported that he had had a meeting with John Cleaver and advised that Mr Cleaver sent his apologies for not being able to attend this meeting of the steering group but had invited the group to attend his site. There was a brief discussion about site constraints and opportunities. In terms of the Neighbourhood Plan, Mr Cleaver indicated that he felt it would be appropriate for consideration to be given to his site over the 20 year period of the Plan.

Please note: this minute needs to be agreed with John Cleaver, before the Minutes are released.

The Steering Group agreed a site visit to BMM Weston at 4.30 or 5pm on Wednesday 4 April 2012 – **Tony to confirm with BMM Weston.**

The following principles were agreed:

1. site should be assessed in relation to mixed use
2. quayside should be publicly accessible
3. encourage preparation of draft proposals

The steering group asked for a resume of the relevant sections of the Employment Land Review (ELR) and the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) – **Natalie to action**

The steering group has yet to meet Guy Gibb and Mrs Kirby - **Natalie to action**. It was suggested that they be invited to present their ideas to the next meeting as well as made aware of the opportunity to participate in the exhibition (see below).

3. Update from Faversham Creek Consortium

Mike Cosgrove gave the following update:

1. the AGM is to be held at 7pm on 26 March at the Alexander Centre
2. Consideration is being given to a Trust structure set up
3. KCC has released its study on the highway maintenance of the bridge. Discussions are on-going with regard to the release of the study on the bridge hydraulics
4. Discussions continue with Peel Ports
5. Support is being given to the Festival of Sail
6. Christopher Wright of the Creek Trust is to stand for election onto the Consortium
7. Eric/Bob continue with their agitation dredging of the turning circle by the swing bridge

4. Consultation events

It was agreed that an additional consultation event should be held before the formal consultation stage. Agreed that the suggested date of 14 April was too soon.

It was agreed that a newsletter would be sent out to all households in Faversham and that an exhibition would be held for one week (staffed for one day)

Exhibition

Preferred date was 18/19 May (with second choice of 4/5 May) at the Alexander Centre - Natalie to action and to ask whether the hire package could include the provision of exhibition boards. Once agreed landowners would need to be notified and invited to bring their own proposals – **Natalie to invite**

[Since the meeting Nigel has booked the Alexander Centre for Saturday 5 May]

It was suggested that a poster be displayed at the Core Strategy exhibition at the Alexander Centre on 10 April advertising the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan exhibition.

Tony will work on the exhibition material.

Newsletter

The steering group agreed that the success of the Neighbourhood Plan would depend on the uniform distribution of a newsletter to households across Faversham. It was hoped that all Faversham Town Councillors would take responsibility for co-ordinating the distribution of leaflets within their own wards, in advance of the exhibition

Mike agreed to liaise with Mark James (SBC) to ask about publication of a double-sided newsletter. He would also ask John Coulter whether he would act as editor. **Mike will do a rough draft for comment.**

5. Budget

Agreed that **Natalie** should report to next meeting on expenditure to date

6. Dates of future meetings

Thursday 19 April

Wednesday 23 May

Thursday 28 June

7. AOB

Feedback on Streetscape consultation requested for next meeting –
Tony/Natalie to action

Mike reported back on a CIL conference he had attended. Asked that **Natalie** report to next meeting on the SBC timetable for CIL

John Sell reported back on talks with English Heritage. Agreed that he could invite his contact to the talk to the steering group on 23 May.

Forward Plan

19 April – Guy Gibb; Mrs Kirby, Streetscape consultation feedback; budget update; CIL programme; update on exhibition arrangement

23 May –English Heritage.