

Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday 2nd November 2011 7-9 pm

The Guildhall

1/ 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 Culham, Faversham Town 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

Apologies: None

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Mike Cosgrove said his relevant interests and conflicts of interests were that he is an SBC member and trustee of the Benstead Charity.

ACTION: The Chairman will develop a communications strategy with the Town Council.

2/ Update on the Status of the Committee

It was reported that the Town Council agreed that everyone on this group could vote but that it would be the Town Council who voted on recommendations made by this group. This group is an advisory body to the Town Council.

ACTION: The Terms of Reference will be changed to reflect this.

3/ Update from the Faversham Creek Consortium

They are starting a project focusing on the creek basin and have been talking to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Mike Cosgrove has met with Kent County Council (KCC) regarding the bridge and KCC's consultant Jacobs are going to undertake an up to date survey of the bridge by Christmas. It will look at the bridge and the opening mechanism.

Mike Cosgrove is meeting with the Crown Estates in the next few weeks to discuss a scheme they are running about giving money made from wind turbine rentals to coastal communities.

It was reported that the Faversham Creek Trust had also put in an HLF bid focusing on training and apprenticeships.

It was agreed that the meeting on 22nd December be held and the Faversham Creek Trust to be invited to present their proposals.

ACTION: The Chairman to invite the Faversham Creek Trust to the December meeting.

4/ Streetscape Strategy Update

Faversham Town Council has now agreed to put forward £7,000 towards the study, which with the £3,000 from the Benstead Charities, will mean that the work can begin.

The Faversham Enterprise Partnership will procure the consultant but will take instructions from and report back to this steering group. The draft report will be brought back to this group before it is signed off.

It will also include natural streetscape on the open spaces around the creek.

It was agreed that a public consultation would be needed on the strategy and this group would start to think about what that would entail.

Tony Fullwood was asked to amend the brief to be more explicit about the basin.

5/ Budget

The Secretary explained that the grant received from the Government was £20,000 and that this must cover the referendum and as much of this process as possible.

It was agreed that the group needs to decide how the referendum will work (polling cards, postal ballots, how many polling stations, etc) so that it can then be worked out how much it will cost.

ACTION: Mike Cosgrove agreed to talk to democratic services at SBC and work up some options and bring them back to the December meeting for discussion.

6/ Development Proposals for Key Sites

Tony Fullwood had developed the ideas made at the site visits of the Steering Group as a basis for discussions with SBC planners. KCC Highways, Environment Agency (flooding/ contamination) and viability. Design, the mix of uses and access issues were discussed for all of the sites. The ideas were one way of meeting the Steering Group's objectives and such details would not necessarily be included in the final neighbourhood plan. Responses from all the agencies will be reported back to the Steering Group.

7/ AOB

Natalie Earl informed the group that Michael White had been to Swale to talk to the planning department about his ideas for his site and had offered to come and talk them through with this group. It was agreed that he would be invited to attend the December meeting. It was agreed that any landowner was welcome to do the same.

ACTION: Michael White to be invited to the December meeting to present his proposals.