



THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 28th January 2020

Present: HG (Chair), JC, AH, SK, BK, AS, JW, HW, CW, DM

Part I

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PR, KB, TS, GW, LM	
Declarations of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were approved, with the addition of the statement that the Board approved all new members as read out during the GPC updates. This should be recorded in all future minutes.	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Old Gate Road (HG / JC): No updates to reportAndersons (HG): Andersons will be attending the Open Faversham meeting on 30/01/2020Our Beautiful Town: The event was a great success, with three sell-out performances and an additional Sunday matinee lined up for 2nd February. The shows made raised a total of just over £1000. £541 was donated to the Society. The Board recorded their thanks to Geoff Sandiford and his team.Policy Review – H&S (AH & KB): Process is underway, updates to be	

	<p>shared at next Board Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organisation Membership (KB, DM & LM): Action carried forward ● NMM Pollocks: A funding application has now been submitted 	
<p>Finances (BK & HG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Finance Committee has met to discuss the funding for 2020 and the forecasts have been shared. ● Decreases Forecast: There will be no Open House this year and it is uncertain how much money will be raised from Open Faversham. BK has proposed a humble £1000 in the Budget for this reason. ● Increases Forecast: There is £100k currently stored in a Virgin Charity Deposit Account, but the interest rates on this have fallen. BK proposed that we explore alternative places to transfer the investment. The Board approved. ● The biggest financial commitments for 2020 will be building work, maintenance and repairs, as these have been neglected for quite some time. ● Advertising & Promotional costs will also be significant. It is anticipated that the website will cost £5000 to maintain. 'Faversham Outreach' works – such as the boss – will also cost a fair amount. ● HG highlighted that the Society's income generation is dependent on the efforts of several volunteers in particular, and that we should make every effort to recognise this as much as possible. ● JW mentioned that Linda Ireland will be stepping down in February leaving a vacancy in somebody to oversee the Fleur Hall bookings. The continued difficulty to attract volunteers was discussed. JW was going to ask MN to put out to all existing volunteers a Job Description for LI's role, to see if anybody is interested in taking on the responsibility. ● The prospect of a paid role was raised, and the potential pros and cons discussed. Idea to be reviewed. ● Spending list (HG): In respect of the cellar-racking, it was highlighted that JW, AH, JC and HG had all turned up to the Fleur on a Sunday morning to help sort the flooding. The Board recorded their thanks 	

	<p>to JW, AH, JC and HG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board approved for the painting work required to make the names on the war memorial more visible. ● The Society has also agreed to work in partnership with the Woodland Trust to plant more trees in the town, but this would be part of the 2021 budget. 	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to add beyond the Committee Minutes. <p>Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board approved for the removal of the Cassell's Children's Book of Knowledge from the Museum. ● English Heritage and the Maison Dieu have visited the Museum. They are pleased with how things are being kept. English Heritage have asked to take away some glass and metalwork from the Maison Dieu. ● Adrienne Begent of FTC has asked for the Museum to support a VE event in May in the Town Hall. This was agreed by the Board. <p>Planning Committee:</p> <p><u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 54 East Street: The Committee's position on this was approved. ● 2-3 Court Street: The Georgian group have opposed this application, and the Board agreed that the Faversham Society should too. ● Painters Forstal Road: The Committee's position on this was approved. ● Oare Gravel Works: The Committee's position on this was approved. ● Queens Court Farm: The Committee's position on this was approved. ● 24 Plantation Road: The Committee's position on this was approved. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed that the method and timescale of HG's response to Swale Borough Council with regards to the Abbeyfields application was appropriate. • JC will be the Board Rep at the next Planning Committee meeting. <p>GPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW has sent a condolence card to Bill Croydon, widow of Anne, who recently passed away. Anne was a volunteer in the VIC for several years. • A list of new members was read out and approved. 	
PEEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing further to add beyond the Minutes. The meeting to discuss Open Faversham will take place on 30.01.2020 	
AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date was agreed for Wednesday 27th May and the AGM will take place in the Assembly Rooms this year. • KB has been asked to write up the Annual Report • DM will approach Butler to be the speaker, so that we can have a Beckett theme for the AGM. 	
Reports from Other Meetings	<p><u>Faversham Town Council Heritage Committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee has asked for a 'stand-in' from the Society should HG be unable to attend meetings. JC has agreed. • HG has managed to get the 4 Tugs stored safely with the Sea Cadets at TS Hazard. <p><u>Magna Carta:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Society has been asked to write a letter to the Heritage Lottery Fund in support of FTC retaining this. HG will compose a draft. 	
Heritage Strategy Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that HG's comments should be submitted but with type-o's amended. • HG would like to invite Lyn Newton (SBC) to a BoT Meeting to discuss the Council's strategy for heritage. This was agreed. • It was also agreed that it would be good to invite Mike Baldock (Dep Leader SBC) to speak about the SBC Heritage Strategy at a members' meeting in Spring. 	

Events	<p><u>Open Faversham:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial meeting will take place on 30.01.2020. Many people have expressed an interest in taking part. • Bovis have asked to sponsor the event, but the Board has reservations about accepting this. It was agreed that it may be more appropriate to encourage them to take part in the event instead, in reference of their site at the red and yellow brickworks. <p><u>Beckett:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is hoped that Butler will be able to speak at the AGM <p><u>Nautical Festival:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will probably not be taking place this year, so there is no opportunity to take the rope-making idea forward. <p><u>Dunkirk (VE Day):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As barges from Faversham went to Dunkirk (eg Greta) we should get this celebrated as part of VE Day. 	
Cleve Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary of State (yet to be appointed) must make a decision on this by the end of May. • DM has emphasised the importance of a coordinated approach between the Society and other stakeholders, but highlighted the importance of raising awareness. • The Board approved the printing of 5000 leaflets to be handed out in the town. • The Society should approach Graveney Primary School to try and get them on board with the campaign. • It was urged that hazards must be highlighted in the political sphere. 	
Mall Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Faversham Society supports this scheme. HG was asked to write appropriately 	
Abbey Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed as part of Planning Committee updates. 	
Bridge and Heritage Harbour (DM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A temporary bridge was opened by Helen Whateley on 24.01.2020. It is half a metre wider and includes two footpaths. Original railings have been used. The temporary bridge will be in place for 12 months. The cost has not come from the budget for its permanent replacement. • DM has met with Helen Whateley, Sue Akhurst and Paul Carter. Helen Whately has spoken with Peel Ports and movements are being made on what's required. Paul Carter has indicated that KCC is also continuing to work on this. • There was a Heritage Harbour Group meeting on 9.12.2019 to which 	

	Simon Jones attended. He was open, cooperative and helpful.	
SBC Draft Corporate Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS has looked at this and thinks it is good. All Board Members should also take a look at this now in order to issue a response. 	
Traffic & Pollution (CW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Payne and Simon Jones are to be invited to a Neighbourhood Planning Meeting. Either car-usage needs to be decreased, or roads need to be increased. Radical approaches could include soft-travel measures e.g walking / cycling routes. 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	

NOTES:

Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

Next Meetings

Date	Agenda
25 th February 2020	Board of Trustees
31 st March 2020	Board of Trustees
28 th April 2020	Board of Trustees