



THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 23rd February 2021

Present: HG, KB, HW, AS, DM, BK, CW, AH, SK, MHa, JC, LM, TS

Part I

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MHe	
Jacqueline Hitchcock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board of Trustees held a minute's silence in remembrance of Jacqueline Hitchcock, former Chair of the Society and a lifelong member. She made an enormous contribution to the Society.	
Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were approved	

<p>Matters arising</p>	<p>a. Insurance: JC updated the Board that the Standing Committee had an enquiry from the insurers, asking various questions in relation to our renewal. They have all been answered and we are waiting for a quote.</p> <p>b. Re-opening of the Fleur:</p> <p>a. The newsletter is in a form that can be printed, and a copy can be printed for those who wish to collect from the Fleur. However, distribution of printed newsletter may remain more challenging.</p> <p>b. JC suggested we need to be careful before responding too quickly to discuss with Christine. KB will share with Christine and also discuss the printed newsletter with Patsy.</p> <p>c. HW raised what our arrangements for the office would be after lockdown. HW also raised when we might re-open the museum. HG asked whether the museum can be discussed at the March Board meeting.</p> <p>d. The Board would like to prioritise opening on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday mornings. So the challenge of opening to normal hours isn't too high. AH agreed that limited hours would be appropriate.</p>	<p>KB will email Christine and will also discuss the printing of the newsletter with Patsy.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Standing Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council has agreed a subcommittee will discuss the move of the VIC to 12 Market Place with the Society. No formal meeting has been arranged or discussions held as yet. The Standing Committee will report back to the Board. • DM raised that he thinks good progress is being made on TS Hazard. AS raised concerns about the boxing club and the sea cadets being displaced if the plans go ahead. LM raised that it is not the Society's role to find alternative premises for the users of the buildings, but DM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	<p>and HG suggested that at present those clubs are not at risk at present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB updated on the membership lists and the challenges of accessing them. JC proposed that KB is given immediate access to the membership lists. The Board approved this position. • Alarms: AS raised significant concerns about committees using the Fleur facilities for meetings in the evenings. JC and AH raised that this is a temporary measure until we can get the alarm system fixed. • Environment • Minutes attached. TS gave his apologies for the EC meeting. <p>Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes attached <p>PEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not met <p>GPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not met • Planning • Minutes attached. • Tesco: AS made JC's suggested amendment. The Board approved the recommendation. • Saxon Road: The Board agreed the position. JC raised whether the Planning Committee might raise Swale's inconsistency in these matters by writing to them, and also raising enforcement. JC and AS will discuss further. The recommendation was approved. • Fairview Staple Street: This is making a substantial increase to the size of the house. The Board agreed the position. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The oil depot: This is nothing to do with the application for houses. The Board agreed this position. • Preston Avenue: The Board approved this position. • South Road: TS raised that we should be supporting rather than objecting. TS argued that: this is a single storey extension and the works will not be visible from the public realm. Also that it is not overdevelopment, it is clean lined contemporary architecture. The Board voted 7 in favour of no comments, 1 for objection and the remainder abstained. The Board will make no comment. • West St: DM and KB spoke in favour of not opposing this application. LM and DM raised that this kind of application may become more prominent. JC have a history of the building. The Board voted in favour of no recommendation. • Graveney House: The Board approved • The Old Bindary: The Board decided that it is appropriate for the Society to continue to make no comment. • Brogdale: MHa presented a paper on this. The Board discussed with opposing views. MHa raised that we should encourage discussion with the CIC to ensure they retain adequate space. The Board agreed to no comment. JC suggested that if we are challenged on this position, we communicate that we have mixed views and therefore the Board could not comment. 	
Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BK presented the accounts for the previous financial year. The accounts were received by the Board. • BK explained he has forecasted a £20k deficit between income and expenditure for 2021 but that the Society's reserves and assets are strong for the time being. • LM raised whether we can apply for more grants this year. • The Board thanked BK for his work particularly in these challenging times. • HG raised that it is important that we present the AGM with the reality that we will be in deficit. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG raised that we will be applying for grants as and when we have capacity and projects. • HG also raised with KB the idea of producing a newspaper on the Society's work for all town residents as a marketing idea, to stem the loss of members and attract new members. • JC proposed the accounts and budget, DM seconded. The Board approved the accounts and budget 	
Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB will begin work on the annual report 	
Swale Local Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHe presented his paper and raised that the local plan is strong on biodiversity and landscape as well as footpaths. • MHe raised concerns that it does not reference chalk streams in the policies. MHe also raised concerns about housing, and the lack of reference to the East-West Corridor. • AS presented her paper on the plan. The Nationally Described Space Standards should be put in. The viability assessment assumes this is being done but AS raised that we should require they are included. • CW raised a number of points and submitted in a note to the minutes sec. • HG presented his paper on process. The Board agreed the process. DM suggested he will send further comments to KB and HG. • MHe raised local green spaces and the Board discussed what could be achieved 	KB and HG will formulate the Society's submission
Neighbourhood Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG updated that the call for sites has gone out and is now with consultants. • There will be a meeting with volunteers in March. • The household, youth and business survey results are being collated. There will be significant feedback from the community this time around. • There will be more detail in the Faversham Eye in March. 	
Succession Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK updated the Board and presented the paper. • The newsletter has carried information about the volunteer survey. SK organising paper copies for volunteers with no internet access. • A member survey is planned for further down the line. 	

Queen's jubilee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Town Council is asking whether we will cooperate with the Queen's Jubilee in 2022. The Board approved the Society's support 	
Medway City of Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM will lead on this and it is developing slowly. The Board agreed we should be in favour of this. 	
Faversham Community Lottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved signing up to this as a potential beneficiary. 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Officers Report	Chair's Report	

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Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

Next Meetings

Date	Agenda
30 th March 2021	Board of Trustees

Future Business