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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 30th March 2021

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

Part I

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BK	
Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">TS explained that the Duchy has approached TS for advice on aspects of their development. TS asked how this should be dealt with. DM suggested it is positive that TS is involved in giving advice. The Board agreed that TS' role with the Duchy will be included in the minutes at every meeting and TS' interest considered in all relevant conversations.JC is involved in a planning application at 50 Ospringe St	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were approved	

<p>Matters arising</p>	<p>a. Succession Planning: SK updated that the volunteer survey is now ready to go live, after resolution of issues with survey monkey.</p> <p>b. Membership database: KB is meeting Chris W tomorrow to discuss</p> <p>c. Annual report: KB explained that the annual report will reflect that the Society has achieved a lot in the past 12 months, but be shorter in length to reflect challenges of COVID. HW raised the need to thank the volunteers that have done a lot for the Society in the past 12 months.</p>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Standing Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No queries were raised on the attached paper. • Environment • Has not met but the issue of air quality in Faversham was discussed in March. TS raised Watling Street and that the Society should reaffirm its view that it will be critical to how the future of Faversham will be formed, and that the Society should continue to <p>Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes attached. • HW presented a paper on measures for re-opening the museum for back of house work on 17th May 2021. HW has spoken to Paul Jessett who has made comment. The paper will return to the next Board meeting for final review. • HW met with AH and JC about the space review and they will attend the museum committee in two months time to discuss thoughts on this. It was suggested a sub group is formed for the museum elements of the space review. <p>PEEP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not met <p>GPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not met • This is approved. KB will reply to points raised in writing. • Planning • AS presented the planning minutes. • 66 Preston St: The Board agreed with the FSPC's recommendation. • 3 Park Road: TS raised his view that this should be changed to objection. AS said she would be happy to change this to an objection – on sustainability and conservation area issues. The Board remains opposed to UPVC in the conservation area. • Zandweg, Mutton Lane. TS raised that he views the proposal as acceptable. HG agreed. CW raised that on balance he still feels it is right to object. The Board could not reach an agreement and so changed this to no comment. • Preston Fields: HW asked whether stating support is too strong given that we have many conditions to raise. The application was discussed at length. The Board voted to retain the FSPC's recommended position. • The Board approved the remaining planning minutes subject to the above amendments. 	
<p>VIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH presented the papers. • HG shared the drawing of the proposed VIC space and JC presented. • HG explained that the VIC manager is very keen on this proposal. • Questions about security, storage and the impact on 10-11 Preston st were raised. JC presented ideas for Preston St. AS raised that listed building consent should be applied for sooner rather than later. • HW asked whether the Board would need to consult the membership. HG confirmed there is no legal requirement to do so. • AH raised that FTC will produce a project plan with proposed time frames for the move. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HW asked about the costs of the changes to the museum and bookshop. • LM raised whether a business case for the move should be produced. • The Board voted unanimously in favour of giving the Standing Committee permission to formalise the offer from FTC for consideration at the next Board meeting. 	
Swale Local Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG raised that the Society must have a public position on this as we are now getting queries. • The Board reaffirmed its view that the Duchy design is the most sensitive among proposed developments. • DM expressed that we should confirm our view that while we oppose developments of this size, if they are inevitable, we should work with developers to ensure they are as sensitive as possible and that the Society should be steadfast in that view. • KB, AS, HG and DM will finalise the statement document and full submission to Swale 	
Abbey Wharf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHa looked at the planning documentation for Abbey Wharf. There are potentially four areas where questions have been or should be raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consent from marine management (MMO) – any work on waterside property requires their permission. There is no trace of this. We should ask whether this was sought or necessary. ○ Water Framework Directive Assessment – this was completed by consultants based in Ashford and the assessment appears to be based on plans that have subsequently changed. ○ Flood risk – it is a high flood risk area and with update projections from the EA suggest this area will be very likely to flood by the end of the century. ○ Contamination from other uses of the land – the most recent document is a letter from the EA stating that work is proceeding on groundworks without the necessary work on contamination having been completed. • AS raised that on flooding the site is Brownfield as is covered by the Neighbourhood Plan. AS also suggested that contamination 	

	<p>conditions are not correct in MHa's assessment and need to be revised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC stated his concern about sheet piling being used, and that this will have profound implications for ground water movement. • DM raised the importance of this issue – and that there is a broader issue of compliance here which the Society should consider for the for the future. DM also advised that other queries about compliance have been raised on this by Faversham residents. • HG also raised that there is another Abbeyfields application to fight. • DM proposed that with amendments suggested, MHa submits his paper to the planners. The Board approved MHa submitting the paper on behalf of the Board. 	
East Kent Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG requested permission from the Board to thank the leader of KCC to ask for a progress report on enforcement. The Board approved. 	
Insurances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG has been asked for a standing item on the agenda for the Board to request information on issues that may impact on insurance. KB will ensure this happens. • The Doddington Library has been removed from our insurance now. 	
Special Edition Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of new houses are being occupied by Faversham residents re-locating. The Society needs to reach out to those estates to bring them in. We need to communicate with them. • LM asked when it would go out, and HG advised June or July. • MHa suggested he would be happy to contribute on natural heritage. • HG asked TS if there could be something on connectivity. • HW suggested we frame talking about the museum in the context of preserving Faversham's heritage. 	
Faversham Community Lottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are about to have the first draw. We get 60pc of the value of the tickets that mention us when we sell. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board confirmed that the Society should be supporting the lottery and helping to promote it. • A button will be added to the website. 	
Swing Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM updated on the swing bridge. There have been a series of meetings convened by Helen Whateley. • At a meeting last week saw KCC give a timetable for the work and updated on work completed. The assessment on abutments has been done and work on design completed. Their expectation for design of the highway in end of April and an ecological assessment by the end of May. The design stage will therefore be complete by the end of June. • The Maritime Minister has met with Peel Ports and there is some hope they will discuss contributing towards to the cost of the bridge and discuss the transfer of their responsibility for the waterway. • The Town Council is now represented at meetings. The preference for transfer of responsibility would be the Town Council but there are still issues to be discussed. • TS raised KCC's tendency to over-engineer for cars rather than pedestrian and asked whether proposals could be run via him and CW. DM said there has been a reluctance to share detailed design but he will endeavour to share, and asked TS to drop him a note on this. 	
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
27 th April 2021	Board of Trustees

Future Business