

## FAVERSHAM CREEK CONSORTIUM MANAGEMENT GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on 21 March 2013 in the Municipal Charities' Boardroom

Present:

Mike Cosgrove (Chair)  
Eric Green  
Nigel Kay (part)  
Jeremy Lamb  
Andrew Osborne  
Alan Reekie  
Anne Salmon  
Susan White (part)  
Chris Wright  
Brian Caffarey (Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence were received from Geoff Wade.

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2013

2. The minutes were approved subject to the following correction. Chris Wright mentioned, a propos paragraph 17, that the Faversham Creek Trust does have mooring rights in front of Morrison's for two barges or the equivalent.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Operation of sluices in the Stonebridge allotments – paragraph 3

3. Chris Wright confirmed that there was nothing further to report yet. **(ACTION: CHRIS WRIGHT)**

(ii) Town Council moorings – paragraph 4

4. Bob Berk said that one of the people who had been present at the auction had written to the Town Clerk to confirm that it had been made clear that the moorings were not for sale.

(iii) Faversham 2020 project – paragraph 5

5. It was noted that the Town Council had received the report and that it intended to respond to it at its Annual Town Meeting in May. The Consortium had made a number of comments on a draft of the report, designed to bring out more clearly the importance of the Creek and the Neighbourhood Plan.

(iv) Neighbourhood Plan – paragraphs 7-9

6. Anne Salmon updated the Management Group on recent developments and planned future activities. (Note: these were covered fully in Anne's subsequent

presentation to the AGM on 25 March, which will be placed on the Consortium's web page, and are not therefore recorded here.)

(v) Festival of Sail – paragraph 12

7. Alan Reekie updated the meeting on Lena Reekie's plans for the second Festival of Sail, which would be held on the weekend of 25-26 May 2013. These seemed to be going well, with a certain amount of funding already secured, but there was a great deal of work involved. Chris Wright mentioned that the event had been noted by the BBC's Countryfile programme as one of the '10 things to do in May'.

(vi) Navigability of the Creek – paragraphs 13-15

8. Brian Caffarey confirmed that he had drawn the attention of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to the concerns expressed at the previous meeting.

(vii) Moorings in the Inner Basin

9. This issue had also been flagged up to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

10. In further discussion, concern was expressed about the possibility that any development around the Inner Basin might encroach onto the Creek bed, with the result that mooring rights might be lost. It was suggested that the Town Council should buy the Creek bed but the meeting was reminded that the Sondes Estate had previously made it clear that it had no intention of selling this asset. Moreover, others present expressed scepticism about whether there was any substance to these fears. However, Chris Wright, in consultation with Bob Berk, undertook to produce a note setting out some thoughts on the issue. This was welcomed.  
**(ACTION: CHRIS WRIGHT/BOB BERK)**

CONSORTIUM'S AGM ON 25 MARCH 2013

11. The meeting discussed the practical arrangements for the AGM and ran over the agenda and proposed content of the presentations. Various actions were agreed.

12. The meeting noted that Chris Wright would not be seeking re-election and thanked him warmly for his contributions to the Management Group's work.

13. There was a helpful discussion regarding the tone of the debate over public footpath ZF5 and the legal background.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. Chris Wright mentioned that the Faversham Creek Trust intended to enter, without commitment, into discussions about the future of the Dolphin Yard Sailing Barge Museum, which was seeking a new home.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

15. Meetings have been arranged for the following dates: 18 April 2013 and 16 May 2013.

29 March 2013