

**Eastern Area Committee meeting: March 2021 – Matters arising**

Item	Who initiated?	Background	Progress on actions
<p>Conservation issues, including ponds</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning</p>	<p>Swale BC only has details of the ponds which it manages directly. There is a strategic and heritage, conservation and tourism need for information, including ownership, condition and management of the ponds in the area.</p>	<p>The Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group have confirmed they are happy to work with SBC on this in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They can provide species data for all ponds in Swale, not just the ponds in public ownership. This will require Swale to sign a data sharing agreement</li> <li>2. They would be happy to attend meetings and provide advice and guidance where possible.</li> <li>3. They can provide a database of known ponds, however they will need to get agreement for a third party for this.</li> </ol> <p>Kent Fire and Rescue have also indicated that they hold data on all known water sources they are able to use for firefighting operations, including ponds and are happy to share this data with SBC.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment has proposed that this should be dealt with as a borough-wide issue and referred to the appropriate officer to deal with in due course.</p>

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Traffic on A251	Member of public	Covered by resolution on 'improving parish to town connections'.	A proposal is coming forward for this item.
Cycling routes between Faversham, villages and rural areas	Member of public	Covered by resolution on 'improving parish to town connections'.	A proposal for funding of a project developing a network of walking and cycling routes in the eastern area is coming forward from Faversham Town Council to the AC meeting
Improving parish to town connections	Committee member	<p>Resolved:</p> <p><i>(1) That local knowledge of the most suitable walking and cycling routes between parishes and towns be shared across the Eastern area, both for the benefit of residents and visitors.</i></p> <p><i>(2) That an investigation/report be made into reviewing existing community transport models to see what might be suitable for the Eastern area.</i></p>	<p>A proposal for funding of a project developing a network of walking and cycling routes in the Eastern area is coming forward from Faversham Town Council to the AC meeting.</p> <p>The Chair proposes bringing this back to a later meeting as part of a discussion on improving bus services.</p>

**Items to bring back to future Area Committee Meetings:**

Item	Who initiated?	Background	Progress on actions
<p><b>Brown tourism signs</b></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Planning</b></p>	<p>To commence an audit of existing local brown signs in concert with parish councils.</p> <p>Cabinet adopted a Visitor Economy Framework Action Plan on 28 October 2020. This includes a medium-term action to undertake a wayfinding audit of signage and identify any gaps. The delivery partners identified for this action are: SBC; town and parish councils; Visit Swale; Kent Highways; and local businesses.</p>	<p>Oare PC – would like a sign for Harty Ferry Nature Reserve at the end of Church Road in Oare.</p> <p>The Chair proposes finding out costings and bringing back to the June meeting</p>
<p>Heritage issues</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Planning</p>	<p>Cabinet adopted a Heritage Strategy and Action Plan on 18 March 2020. The Action Plan contains a programme of Conservation Area reviews. It has been suggested by the Cabinet Member that the Area Committee may want to fund CA reviews for areas which are outside of the planned</p>	<p>As it was noted in the minutes of the last meeting that there were no suggestions regarding additional conservation area reviews, the Chair proposes bringing this item forward at a later meeting to see if any proposals have been come forward.</p>

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		programme of reviews in the Action Plan.	
Bus services between Faversham, villages and rural areas	Member of public	Covered by resolution on 'improving parish to town connections'.	The Chair proposes bringing this back to a later meeting.