

**STRATFORD- UPON- AVON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**TOWN CENTRE/TOWN TRANSPORT TASK & FINISH GROUP**  
**MEETING**

**12 October 2020**

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**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Jackson	Rolfe
Lee	Vos
J Fradgley	

Clerk: Town Clerk, Committee Clerk J Mayes

Apologies: Cllrs Coles, Curtis, How, Fotjik

1. Notes from 2 September 2020 meeting

Noted

2. Update on the Strategic Partnership meeting held on 2 October 2020

The minutes from the Strategic Partnership had been circulated to the group. The Committee Clerk explained that notes from the chat had been sent to members of the Strategic Partnership only and agreed to circulate the salient points of the chat to Cllrs in the Task and Finish group.

3. Input on proposed vision. How can it be influenced in line with key Town Council principles?

The Chair noted the need to come up with proposals, consolidated from different groups to take to the Strategic Partnership for them to move the proposals forward. He expressed concern that the Strategic Partnership will continue to discuss the vision rather than considering and investigating proposals with a view to initiating them. There was a discussion about the NDP and Councillors agreed that this provides a clear statement on the proposals for Stratford upon Avon in TC project 5 and that the NDP as a whole reflects the vision for the town and has been voted for in a referendum. It was felt that the purpose of the Strategic Partnership should be to deliver this vision. Whilst the projects in the NDP do not give the precise arrangements for their implementation, exact width of pavements or where

trees might be planted for example, it does provide a masterplan for the town. It was noted that approaching WCC with the whole plan, likely to cost a large amount of money may not be as successful as requesting funds for smaller projects that fit in with the overall masterplan so that they can be implemented over time. It was suggested that a discussion with the Chair of the Strategic Partnership about the agenda of the meeting and the relevance of the NDP should be arranged.

Cllr Lee suggested that he produce a document outlining the delivery of the NDP proposals, which could be translated into a presentation to the Strategic Partnership for discussion about how the proposals can be delivered.

In summary;

- Cllr Lee to produce draft document by 26 October for circulation to the Town Centre Task and Finish Group for comment.
- Comments to be collated and incorporated into a final draft by 6 November.
- A meeting of the Task and Finish Group to be arranged on 9 November in the evening, to allow Cllrs who have difficulty attending during the day, to attend.
- The outcome of the discussions at the meeting to be sent to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the agenda of the Town Council meeting on 24 November.
- The outcome of discussions at the Town Council meeting and presentation can then be included on the agenda of the Strategic Partnership meeting scheduled for 4 December.

4. Update on progress with CIL funding bid for Bridge Street

There is no further news to report on progress with the CIL funding bid. It was noted that if the bid is unsuccessful funding for the project will be needed from an alternative source.

The Town Clerk left the meeting.

5. Arrangements for High Street when the current temporary trial ends – for discussion

It is not clear when the temporary trial of the arrangements will end. It may be in place for longer because of the current COVID situation. It was confirmed that WCC are monitoring footfall, car usage and whether there are times when congestion increases. There was a discussion about the merits of conducting a survey to gauge people's opinions on the arrangements and whether this should be a whole town survey. The Committee Clerk will email the Town Clerk about the practicalities of undertaking a survey.

6. Any other business

There was a brief discussion about different cycle path projects in the district and whether this presented a good opportunity in the medium to long term to develop cycle tourism with Stratford at the centre of the different cycle paths proposed. Cllr J Fradgley confirmed that she attends the Stratford Cycle forum meetings and has discussions with representatives at WCC. It was suggested that the Town Council should have a discussion with the local cycle group about how they plan to link the cycling routes for the benefit of the town.

Cllr J Fradgley reported that the climate change group are progressing work on the list of areas of land that could be used for wildflower planting. The group are also considering the possibility of using Town Council internal expertise to build tree planters with trees that could be placed around the town.

7. Date for next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Lee for his offer to work on the documentation for the Strategic Partnership.

*The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.10am*