

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from meeting held at 9.30am - 11am

on Thursday 13 July 2023 by Zoom

Present: Rachel Blanchard [RB], George Cowcher [GC], John Deegan [JD], Elizabeth Dixon [ED], Rich Jones [RJ], Lindsay Macdonald [LM], Mark Haselden [MH], Caroline Nash [CN], Theresa Parker [TP], Kate Rolfe [KR], Tim Sinclair [TS], Colin Stewart [CS], Jann Tracy [JT], Steve Turner [ST] and Jan Matecki [JM]

Circulated to Members of the TTG and

WCC: Officers: Mark Ryder, Strategic Director for Communities and David Ayton-Hill, Assistant Director Communities [Transport Planning], Councillors Izzi Seccombe, Leader and Jan Matecki, Transport Portfolio Holder.

SDC: Officers: Tony Perks, Deputy Chief Executive, Councillor George Cowcher, Portfolio Holder.

TC: Officer: Caroline Nash, Town Clerk.

Additional information: <https://www.stratford-tc.gov.uk/town-hall/meetings-held-at-the-town-hall/-stratford-upon-avon-town-transport-group>

- 1 Colin Stewart, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and County Councillor Jan Matecki the newly appointed Portfolio Holder.

Apologies: John Deegan, Jenny Fradgley, Ian Fradgley, Richard Lees, Andy List, Stephen Rumble.

- 2 **Minutes:** of 11 May 2023 were approved after adding Rich Jones to the attendees.
- 3 **Actions and Matters arising:** CS noted that once again there was no representative officer from WCC at the meeting.
- 4 **County Councillor Matecki** introduced himself, gave his background and what he saw as the transport issues for Stratford upon Avon. He would not be able to come to all meetings but would be pleased to be kept informed of our work and support us where he can. He noted that he will be meeting with the new SDC Councillors to investigate common ground.
- 5 **Strategies and forward plans**
 - 5.1 **Sustainable Parking Strategy:** Awaiting update from WCC.

WCC

5.2 South Warwickshire Local Plan: A working group has been formed from the Strategic Partnership, chaired by John Scampion. First meeting is scheduled for 18 July, CS will report back. CS

5.3 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan [LCWIP]: TS advised more work is being done, but the draft is being used as it is. Planned to go to Cycle Liaison Group Sept/Oct and share with Cycle Forum and TTG. To December Cabinet, and finish by the end of the year. WCC

5.4 Towards an Integrated Transport Plan: On hold pending clarification of scope of the SWLP transport work.

5.5 Bus Strategy: Park & Ride extended to 7 days a week until September. Companions of blue badge users can now travel with them free of charge - welcomed by ED. TTG members stressed the need for publicity and the use of temporary electronic signs on approaches to the town if this is to be a real pilot test. A paper is due to go to Cabinet in September regarding the provision of real time information signage. Once published TS will confirm if / how this covers Stratford. TS
KR stressed the need for enhanced routes to reach out of town areas, and that even some local routes only have a 3-hour service!

6 Projects - See attached Status Schedule

7 Planning Applications - for a 95 bed Care Home at the rear of the station.

8 Any Other Business:

Station ticket office closures - ED reported that there is a consultation concerning the proposed closure of ticket offices. This is a national issue which will have significant impact on those unable to use the automatic machines, or unable to board a train on their own. Consultation closes 26 July. ED / All

Electronic car parking meters - CS noted that RingGo have issued a survey asking users their view on allowing all Apps to be used in all machines, as in several major towns, to avoid users having to download several Apps. CS will circulate the link. CS

Canal Towpath - LM raised the condition of sections of the towpath and will address this at the next meeting. LM

The next meeting is 9.30am - 11am on Thursday 10 August 2023 by Zoom

Stratford-upon-Avon Town Transport Group (TTG)

Update: 13.7.23

Stratford-upon-Avon Transport Project Status

Project	Status	Action	Last Update
Pedestrianisation of Bridge Street & High Street	Scheme drawn up and consultation completed. Awaiting funding.	SP	19.1.23
Birmingham Road	Phase 2 enabling works are ongoing. TS and CS met Simon Prescott (who has taken over Birmingham Road at WCC) on site to discuss the various comments and proposals TTG have made on Phase 3 of the scheme (the middle part). SP is reviewing the scheme with a view to make it compliant with LTN 1/20, and side road junctions consistent. Also modelling Western Road left out only, CS proposed Arden St traffic light pedestrian crossing alternative. Design works are ongoing.	WCC	17.5.23
Clopton Bridge / Tiddington Road Junction	Original scheme withdrawn. Awaiting updated proposals from WCC. TTG advised they will be involved. Potential for weight restriction to be investigated (WCC DA-H). Advised this has now been dropped.	WCC	23.12.22 8.6.23
Evesham Roundabout	Due to open August. Once completed WCC will decide how to connect cycle paths through the junction.	WCC	23.5.23
Alcester Road Roundabout (Shottery Relief Road)	Update required.	WCC	13.7.23
Alcester Road Cycle Tracks	Awaiting concept plans from WCC. Advised this will follow LTN 1/20 guidance. TS advises design complete. Plans awaited.	WCC	13.7.23
South Western Relief Road	Report on viability of sustainable alternatives delayed to link into SWLP.	SDC	20.1.23
Greenway All-weather Surfacing	Work not started due to S106 funds being insufficient. CS has asked WCC why the worst affected half of the route could not be	WCC	26.4.23

	<p>progressed with the available funding. No response to date.</p> <p>ED has submitted a report on her walk [wheel] along in October 2022</p>		
Knights Lane Footway	<p>A solution has now been drawn up, based on a derogation of standard for implementation in the Autumn, but still requires agreement from the farmer. Meanwhile KR has obtained agreement that, traffic signs warning of pedestrians walking in the road and 'SLOW' carriageway markings will be installed as a temporary measure.</p> <p>Neither the temporary or permanent works have been implemented. KR still chasing, TTG to chase also.</p>	WCC	13.7.23
Canal Quarter Regeneration	<p>Meeting with SDC held 15.6.23. TTG outlined concerns about delivery of the vision in the site masterplan (SDP) as land parcels come forward individually for planning approval. Infrastructure needs to be funded and implemented in advance of plans for homes, or it is unlikely to "fit", and will be more expensive. Canal crossings are a key example. SDC officers to investigate options and report back.</p>	SDC	15.6.23
Gateway	<p>Presentation made to TTG 8.6.23. Workshop with Strategic Partnership (SP) held 22 June 23. Concern that initiatives are coming forward individually without a Masterplan for the town to be raised at SP.</p>	SP / SDC	23.6.23
Warwick Road Safety Improvements	<p>Concept proposals are now available and circulated to TTG.</p>	TS	8.6.23