

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes

held from 9.30am - 11am on Thursday 8 June 2023

by Zoom

Present: Rachel Blanchard [RB], Howard Blessington [HB], George Cowcher [GC], Elizabeth Dixon [ED], Ian Fradgley [IF], Jenny Fradgley [JF], Mark Haselden [MH], Andy List [AL], Richard Lees [RL], Caroline Nash [CN], Theresa Parker [TP], Kate Rolfe [KR], Tim Sinclair [TS], Colin Stewart [CS], Jann Tracy [JT], Steve Turner [ST].

Jonathan Tarbatt of Corstorphine and Wright (Director of Urban Design)

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, 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 member Town Councillor Kate Rolfe as Mayor for the next year. Also Jonathan Tarbatt of Corstorphine and Wright (Director of Urban Design). And District Councillor George Cowcher the new Portfolio Holder for Portfolio Holder for Planning & Economic Development which includes Transport.

Apologies: John Deegan, Richard Lees.

- 2 **Minutes:** of 11 May 2023 were approved.

- 3 **Actions and Matters arising:** Thanks to Town Councillor Roger Harding and County Councillor Wallace Redford for their time with us while appointed representatives. **ED**

CS noted that once again there was no representative officer from WCC at the meeting. He requested the attending WCC Councillors to chase WCC to be represented at future meetings.

**WCC
Councillors**

- 4 **Gateway Project:** Jonathan Tarbatt (JT) who is part of the consultant team working on the Gateway for SDC, gave a presentation of the proposal and status of a Supplementary Development Plan that is being prepared. This exciting project is anticipated to include a World Shakespeare Centre and provide a significant connection between the Canal Quarter Regeneration / Birmingham Road, and the town via Henley Street. Significant transport opportunities arise, due to the potential through connectivity, relocation of coach drop-off, and the demolition of Windsor Street car park.

The group noted the need for transport work around this project to be part of a town wide solution, including park & ride, coach drop-off & parking, car parking, active travel, blue badge parking, etc.

CS asked JT whether he was aware there are several initiatives and strategies in preparation, such as the Sustainable Parking Strategy, which includes a section on coaches. JT said that he didn't and would investigate. CS thanked JT for his time and presentation which was well received and offered TTG assistance if required.

A Strategic Partnership workshop on Gateway is being held on 22 June.

5 **Strategies and forward plans**

5.1 Sustainable Parking Strategy: There have been no updates for a long time.

WCC

5.2 South Warwickshire Local Plan:

CS met Jo Bozdoganli & Rachel Blanchard of SDC on 18 May to discuss the transport work being done to support the SWLP, particularly the scope of the work, and how TTG could be involved or assist.

The transport work started early this year, and is being managed by WCC, who have outsourced it. The contacts are Margaret Smith's team and Stephen Rumble.

Vectos are looking at growth options, including all the orange blobs. What is accessible in 60 minutes now, and how new infrastructure would affect it.

Jacobs are looking at the potential for infrastructure improvements, such as increasing rail and other improvements.

Timing to report is the end of summer. CS to contact SR for details.

CS

CS noted that as far as Stratford was concerned all the growth option diagrams are the same, so there are no options. He also highlighted the comments we made in the TTG response to the SWLP, that the Sustainability Assessment only scored accessibility to the town, considering items such as existing bus stops, the rail station, etc. but not the future journeys that residents would have to make to go to work and play, etc. which could be Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, etc....

5.3 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan [LCWIP]:

This is still not ready, but they are hoping for July. Cycle Forum is awaiting feedback from 17 May meeting.

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

5.5 Bus Strategy: The £2 bus fare is being extended but it is not known if all providers will take this up and in 2024 it will be increased to £2.50. TS advised test route for Real-time information not yet confirmed.

WCC/TS

6 Projects - See attached Status Schedule

7 Planning Applications - none advised

8 Any Other Business: *Accessible Stratford, Climate Action, Cycle Forum, Neighbourhood Plan, Stratford-Upon-Avon BID, Strategic Partnership, Stratford Society, Technical Sub-Group, Town, District and County Councillors*

The next meeting is 9.30am - 11am on Thursday 13 July

by Zoom

Stratford-upon-Avon Town Transport Group (TTG)

Update: 13.6.23

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	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.	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 Cycle Tracks	Awaiting concept plans from WCC. Advised this will follow LTN 1/20 guidance. Plans awaited. Road Safety Audit in progress.	WCC	April 2024
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 progressed with the available funding. No response to date. ED has submitted a report on her walk [wheel] along in October 2022	WCC	26.4.23

Knights Lane Footway	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.	WCC	10.5.23
Canal Quarter Regeneration	Issues of transport connectivity raised at 11.5.23 TTG meeting. Meeting with SDC to discuss scheduled for 15.6.23. Canal Quarter was a key part of the NDP consultation, and MH requested site-specific policies to be considered at meeting.	TTG/SDC	24.5.23
Gateway	Presentation made to TTG 8.6.23. Workshop with Strategic Partnership (SP) scheduled for 22 June 23.	SP / SDC	8.6.23
Warwick Road Safety Improvements	Concept proposals are now available. TS to circulate to TTG 8.6.23.	TS	8.6.23