

## **Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG] meeting**

**held from 9.30am - 11am on Thursday 11 May 2023**

**at the Town Hall**

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

**Circulated to Members of the TTG and**

**WCC:** Councillors: Izzi Seccombe, Leader and Wallace Redford, Portfolio Holder.

**Officers:** Mark Ryder, Strategic Director for Communities and David Ayton-Hill, Assistant Director Communities [Transport Planning].

**SDC:**

**Officers:** Tony Perks, Deputy Chief Executive.

**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 Rich Jones Chair of Stratford upon Avon BID.

**Apologies:** John Deegan.

- 2 **Minutes** of 20 April 2023 were approved.
- 3 **Actions and Matters arising:** Tiddington Rd resurfacing: AL had sent suggested proposals to KR who had forwarded them to WCC. The response has been that the road width is not sufficient to include cycle lanes and no central white line.
- 4 **Canal Quarter Masterplan:** CS had asked John Careford to attend and present, however he was not available. RB had forwarded a plan and status of planning approvals (attached to the minutes), which CS presented and compared to the Masterplan. KR agreed to set up a meeting with John Careford to discuss connectivity across the site - particularly canal and

**KR**

railway crossings which do not appear on the current planning applications - and how they will be delivered.

RB noted that “The government are currently out for consultation to change the role of S106 and CIL funding for infrastructure. They are seeking feedback on the introduction of an Infrastructure Levy which may find alternative solutions regarding development progressing without appropriate agreements implemented”.

## **5 Strategies and forward plans**

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

**5.2 South Warwickshire Local Plan:** CS is meeting Jo Bozdoganli on behalf of TTG and, among other things, ask about the scope of the transport plan and mechanism for adjustment for seasonality.

CS

### **5.3 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan [LCWIP]:**

AL summarised the key points from an update of projects provided by WCC to the Cycle Forum (attached).

TS advised the Cycling Liaison Group was meeting on Wednesday, and TS / JF will feedback progress and status after this meeting.

TS/JF

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

**4.5 Bus Strategy:** TS reported that there had been 332 responses to the latest resident survey, which will inform brand and marketing campaign development, encouraging use of bus travel. New process in place for advising Stagecoach of roadworks to improve service reliability. Stagecoach driver issues easing with missed trips reducing. Announcement due shortly from Government on extension or otherwise of £2 concessionary scheme. WCC Officers working closely with SDC Officers (involving a consultancy firm, Jacobs) over development of local plans, particularly in terms of how to encourage residents to use public transport.

An update on potential real time information was requested. TS advised WCC are looking at a test route to check viability.

TS

## **6 Projects**

**6.1 Tiddington Road / Clopton Bridge:** Awaiting updated proposals from WCC. TTG advised they will be involved.

**6.2 Shottery Relief Road / Evesham Road Roundabout:** Due to open August. Once completed WCC will decide how to connect it to cycle path.

**6.3 Alcester Road:** Nothing to report.

**6.4 Birmingham Road:** TS reported on Phase 2 that should be starting in May 2023. Question was asked as to why penalties are not incurred when work is not done in the agreed time? TS advised that he and CS will meet Simon Prescott (who has now taken over the project for WCC) on site next week, to discuss Phase 3.

**6.5 South Western Relief Road [SWRR] / LMA Garden Village:** This has been delayed due to the SWLP.

**6.6 Greenway All-weather surfacing:** This has still not started due to S106 funds not now being sufficient. CS wrote to WCC a few weeks ago, and asked why the worst affected half of the route could not be progressed with the available funding. No response has been received and will chase.

WCC  
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**6.7 Knights Lane:** KR advised that she continued to push WCC to resolve this issue. A solution has now been drawn up, but still requires agreement from the farmer. Meanwhile, KR has managed to get agreement that as a temporary measure, prior to the permanent solution being established and implemented, the developer will install some traffic signs warning of pedestrians walking in the road and 'SLOW' carriageway markings.

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CS expressed concern that there seemed to be a systemic problem with S106 works. Knights Lane, the Greenway, Clopton Bridge, and SWRR all have problems of underfunding, or lack of viable solutions. He noted that some other local authorities have carried out reviews of how these are taken forward and asked whether the group thought a review would be appropriate and helpful. The general view was that it would. KR suggested there should be penalties for late or not completed work. CS to seek further information from John Careford / Jo Bozdoganli.

CS

**7 Planning Applications:** 23/00969/OUT for 150 houses next to Chutneys. Multi objections have been made and it was agreed that we should object too, due to the space available for movement onto the main road.

CS

**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*

**Accessible Stratford:** Partnership with SDC for Shopmobility is nearing completion. Staff have now been told.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:** MH explained that the Canal Quarter had been a key part of the NDP consultation and requested that the site-specific policies contained in the NDP be considered at the proposed meeting with John Careford.

**The next meeting is from 9.30am - 11am on Thursday 8 June 2023 by Zoom**