

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group minutes of meeting by Zoom on Wednesday 13 May 2020

Present: Joe Baconnet [JB], Howard Blessington [HB], John Deegan [JD] *Chairman*, Elizabeth Dixon [ED] *Secretary*, Ian Fradgley [IF], Richard Freer-Hewish [RFH], Paul Harris [PH], Mark Haselden [MH], Phil Mills [PM], Richard Lees [RL], Theresa Parker [TP], Kate Rolfe [KR], Colin Stewart [CS], Jann Tracy [JT].

- 1. Welcome:** John Deegan welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies: Daren Pemberton, Stephen Rumble.
- 2. Minutes** of 11 March 2020 were agreed.
- 3. Matters Arising:**
- 4. Covid Opportunities:** Discussion about the promised funds to local authorities for widening of pavements, cycle pathways etc. which are already included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Core Strategy.
SR [WCC] sent message: At the moment our initial focus is on preparing schemes to support social distancing in town centres with the intention of being in a position to implement priority schemes, which we would expect to include Stratford-upon-Avon, from the beginning of June. We are also looking at opportunities to provide temporary additional infrastructure for cycling.
KR explained how the 3 County Councillors were formulating a plan to carry out changes to Bridge Street and Sheep Street and that an online questionnaire about this had been sent out [not seen by TTG members or generally available]. **RFH** explained the Cycle forum were making their own suggestions. **JB** reported that a meeting had taken place about 'safe places' and a statement was being produced as this would cover most of the town - **TTG** asked to be included which he agreed and referred to Union Street **not** being suitable for blue badge users [learnt from Elizabeth]. **AP** reported that Q-Park are checking on any increase in cars on the road and where they are going. **IF** commented about difficulties in buying cycles locally due to premises closing. **MH** said all these proposals were consistent with the **6 Priorities** of the TTG. Agreed a letter [*sub-group to write*] supporting changes and making our own suggestions to Grant Shapps, Nadhim Zahawi, WCC [leader and officers], SDC [leader and officers], TC [leader and officers]. **ED**.
- 5. Stratford Transport Strategy [STS] & SWRR:** DP had called ED to say there is no news about SWRR.
[Separate PDF referring to SWRR from the Stratford Herald on 14 May]
- 6. Neighbourhood Development Plan [NDP]:** No report.

Next Meeting: 10am Wednesday 10 June at the Town Hall