

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group minutes of meeting by Zoom on Wednesday 14 October 2020

Present: Joe Baconnet [JB] *Vice-Chair*, Elizabeth Dixon [ED] *Secretary*, Ian Fradgley [IF], Jenny Fradgley [JF], Richard Freer-Hewish [RFH], Paul Harris [PH], Mark Haselden [MH], Tony Jackson [TJ] *Mayor*, Phil Mills [PM], Richard Lees [RL], Theresa Parker [TP], Kate Rolfe [KR], Stephen Rumble [SR], Colin Stewart [CS] *Chair*, Jann Tracy [JT].

Action

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies from John Deegan.
Thanks were expressed to John Deegan for his time spent as Chairman of the group over the last few years, and thanks also to Howard Blessington for his technical advice. ED to send them a formal note. ED
2. **Minutes** of 9 September 2020 were agreed.
3. **Matters arising not covered by the Agenda:**
It was agreed to invite Bob Bearman to join the TTG, to represent the Cycle Forum formally, and suggested that he should be asked to also act as a link for Connecting Stratford going forward. ED
It was noted that there are several groups with transport interests around Stratford, and that it would be beneficial if their ideas fed into TTG. CS offered to consider and contact appropriate groups if members forwarded contact details. All
4. **Response to Connecting Stratford:** The TTG welcomed the initiative, and support the concept of an integrated transport strategy, to coordinate future transport developments in and around Stratford-upon-Avon, and make it possible to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions. The proposal includes a lot of detail, which would need to be addressed and worked through, together with other complimentary and competing issues affecting the town. Connecting Stratford to be informed of the above. ED
5. **Covid town centre arrangements**
 1. **Monitoring data:** SR described the monitoring system in place around the town, which includes Artificial Intelligence systems to record pedestrian movement traces, and social interaction, as well as traffic counters. He gave examples of the data being gathered, and expected to be able to circulate a report within the next week.
 2. **WCC review** is on 21 October. CS sent comments on behalf of TTG in advance of the meeting. Main concern at the moment is the safety of Bridge Street crossing - additional signage was suggested. KR to follow up. Further comments include incorrect signage around town, access through the High Street barriers and insufficient space for buses to pull in by old BHS. JB noted that he is looking for consistent guidance on Parklets and parking suspensions, etc. KR
6. **Parking Strategy:** SR informed that this is a joint County & District initiative. Procurement of consultants is in process. TTG should be able to input on i) Aims and Outcomes, ii) Analysis of options. SR to keep the group updated on progress. SR

7. **Local Transport Plan:** SR said a paper had been discussed at Cabinet last week as the existing plan is 2011-2026 but outdated for many reasons including the environment. Timescales: Consultation early 2021 to set issues & direction, report after elections in May, publication 2021/22. JF is a member of the cross party working group. JF/SR
 RFH asked about the Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and funding. SR explained the criteria was restrictive and could only be applied to schemes to be completed by end of financial year. 2 schemes have been funded in WCC area, but not in SoA.
 It was expected that there would be funding for Stratford including Alcester Road cycle lane by end of March 2022.
8. **CIL Funding for Bridge Street options:** KR explained this is awaiting cabinet meeting next week. KR to report back. KR
9. **Core Strategy:** Engagement on the site allocation plan will commence at the end of the first ¼ 2021. Likely to be joint SDC and Warwick District Council [WDC] plan, [now being referred to as *South Warwickshire Core Strategy*].
10. **Birmingham Road improvements:** Finance is now agreed, CS asked for TTG to see proposals which are still being finalised. KR / ED to ask Paul Bentley forward plans, Julie Crawshaw is WCC lead. [*Post meeting note: coming to present at the November meeting*] KR/ED
11. **Old Tramway revived:** The proposals put forward by Dr Andy Fincham were noted and supported. It was also noted that there are several other cycleway schemes being promoted in the district.
12. **Stratford-upon-Avon Town Centre Strategic Partnership:** CS reported back on the 2 October meeting, which took the form of a brainstorm “Identifying the Vision”. The next meeting will be a facilitated session to review the output on 4 December. ED
 RFH asked for list of members.
13. **Other Groups: Accessible Stratford, Cycle Forum, Neighbourhood Plan, Stratford Society, Councillors.**
Cycle Forum: RFH said they have still not seen plans for Birmingham Road despite making many submissions.
SDC: IF said about an application for the old cinema in Windsor Street to become a car park. Travelodge have withdrawn.
WCC: KR reported that residents parking permits remained at existing cost but on-street parking will increase. She requested any feedback or comments. All
14. **AOB:** RFH reminded the meeting about changes to the Shottery application that TTG had commented about previously.
 JB said that surveys of shoppers reveal that safety is their primary concern when shopping.

Next meeting is at 10:00 on Wednesday 11 November, to include 2 minutes silence.

