

## Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 11 September 2019

**Present:],** John Deegan [JD] *Chairman*, Elizabeth Dixon [ED] *Secretary*, Howard Blessington [HB], Paul Harris [PH], Mark Haselden [MH], Richard Freer-Hewish [RFH], Richard Lees [RL], Phil Mills [PM], Stephen Rumble [SR], Jann Tracy [JT].

- 1. Welcome:** John Deegan welcomed everyone and Councillor David Curtis to his first meeting after being appointed by the Town Council.

**Apologies:** Jenny Fradgley [JF], Ian Fradgley [IF], Dominic Skinner [DS], Theresa Parker [TP], Kate Rolfe, Mayor [KR].
- 2. Minutes** of 10 July 2019 were agreed.
- 3. Matters Arising: Site Allocations:** PH outlined some of the proposals around the A46 to which the TTG has already objected. **Stagecoach** changes were mainly updates. Timetable changes are made but who has been consulted. Many people depend upon bus transport and travelling in this area can be challenging. SR to enquire for information [*now suggested for the November meeting*].

**Draft Rail Strategy for Warwickshire** has been reviewed and it's noted, in particular, the scale of economic benefits associated with railway investment designed to improve services to and from Stratford. Invite WCC to present their findings at the next meeting. **JD/SR. Officers will attend October meeting, via SR.**

**Waiting Restrictions:** RL explained how the proposals for changes to on-street parking fees would make it difficult to provide passes for B&B guests and how complicated the online forms were to complete. Further meeting by affected guest house owners prior to objection date 22 September. **TTG comment submitted ED**

**Midlands Connect:** ED had contacted them as suggested by Nadhim Zahawi for an overview of their work in our area, mainly A46. More information available in the autumn and TTG are registered for updates. SR says their website refers to Stage 1 of the A46 Corridor Study providing background and context on the work being carried out. A second phase of the study is currently being undertaken to enhance the strategic case for investment, understand the needs of business in relation to the corridor, and set out the key interventions and their sequencing for the priority sections identified during phase one. The website also includes a short film

which provides a good introduction to the project. <https://www.midlandsconnect.uk/key-projects/the-a46/>  
*Adrian Hart is WCC responsible officer.*

**Europa Way, Leamington Spa:** *[for information]* a developer commitment for a new P&R with 500 spaces and buses to Leamington and Warwick.

5. **Blue badge:** WCC detailed how they will meet the expected increase in blue badge applications following changes to the criteria. Decisions will be made after independent medical consultations to prove the need which is different to existing applicants. There can be extra staff if necessary and a register of this work is being maintained. Extra government funding available to cover additional costs. Fraudulent users have not been prosecuted but things could change. New Manager is interested in the location of bays around town. **HB/ED** to walk with him? *Suggest a 6-month review HB/ED.*
6. **Stratford Transport Strategy & SWRR:** Still waiting for decision on road funding, which may then affect Site Allocations.
7. **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** Nothing to report.
8. **Members Reports:** There were none.
9. **AOB: Waiting Restrictions:** see Matters Arising, **RL.**

**Next Meeting:** 10am Wednesday 9 October 2019 at the Town Hall