

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group minutes of meeting by Zoom on Wednesday 9 September 2020

Present: Joe Baconnet [JB] *Vice-Chairman*, David Curtis [DC], Elizabeth Dixon [ED] *Secretary*, Jenny Fradgley [JF], Richard Freer-Hewish [RFH], Paul Harris [PH], Mark Haselden [MH], Phil Mills [PM], Richard Lees [RL], Kate Rolfe [KR], Stephen Rumble [SR], Colin Stewart [CS] *appointed as Chairman*, Jann Tracy [JT].

David Passingham, Dr Bob Bearman and Stephen Norrie from Connecting Stratford.

Action

1. **Connecting Stratford:** Joe Baconnet welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members of Connecting Stratford to introduce themselves; David Passingham, Dr. Bob Bearman and Stephen Norrie. DP took the meeting through slides that had been previously distributed to members illustrating their proposal for an Integrated Transport Network, and how they thought transport should evolve in the District. Afterwards they took questions from members. TTG members expressed the view that the group should work with TTG as it is a constituted body.

Members of Connecting Stratford then left the meeting.

[Post meeting note: Representation of this group at TTG to be discussed at a later TTG meeting.]

CS

2. Joe Baconnet, Vice-Chairman, explained that John Deegan had resigned as Chairman and a new one should be elected. JD will remain a member of the TTG representing Stratford Society.
Elizabeth Dixon proposed **Colin Stewart as Chairman**, seconded by Joe Baconnet which was agreed by the members.
Richard Lees proposed **Joe Baconnet as Vice-Chairman**, seconded by Mark Haselden which was agreed by the members.
3. Colin Stewart welcomed everyone, thanking members for electing him as Chairman and gave a resume of his work background.
Apologies: John Deegan, Ian Fradgley, Daren Pemberton, Theresa Parker.
[Post meeting note: Howard Blessington has resigned from TTG]
4. **Minutes** of 10 June 2020 were agreed.
5. **Matters arising not covered by the Agenda:** None
6. **Town Centre Strategic Partnership (TCSP):** CS explained that this partnership which is a recommendation in the NDP, had now been set up. The aims of the partnership are to bring together all local agencies and partners, to agree a clear vision for the town centre, where everyone enjoys a good quality of life. The TTG had been invited to become a member of the TCSP, and Colin had acted as the TTG representative at the first meeting on 4 September, but we needed to formally elect someone.
Mark Haselden proposed **Colin Stewart** as TTG representative, seconded by Jenny Fradgley and agreed by the members.
CS explained the first meeting had focussed on the draft Terms of Reference and minor amendments were agreed. A single item meeting is to be arranged

within the next few weeks to “Identify the Vision”, where each member will put forward a couple of points. CS suggested that if TTG members had a view he would be pleased to hear from them.

[Post meeting note: Meeting arranged for 2 October].

All

7. **Town Centre Covid Changes:** Members were asked for their views. Several members commented, and the general view is positive from residents, and businesses.

SR had previously circulated a note, and gave an update:

Data is still being analysed, but when complete he will send a summary to STTG. The general feeling is that traffic is 20 to 25% below normal, with no am/pm peaks. The top of Sheep Street is seeing big volumes of pedestrians. Where space is provided, it is being used.

SR

ED spoke about the central crossing installed in Bridge Street and difficulties faced by some pedestrians; the tactile strips end and you are then in the road with traffic coming from both directions and drivers having no information that pedestrians are crossing the road. She did not support this installation and has referred this to WCC and SDC.

Next steps were discussed, particularly with a view to arrangements for Christmas. SR advised needs would be required in 2/3 weeks, and TROs need 4-6 weeks lead in. KR,JF, and DS are meeting SR to discuss on 11 Sept and will report back.

KR,JF,DS

8. **Stratford Park + Ride:** SR had previously circulated a note on Covid arrangements. Buses recommenced on 31 August, but the customer building, which includes toilets for the station too, remains closed.

Looking at the longer term, CS asked what work had been done and what studies were available which looked at the viability (economics and transport to town centre options). KR said a holistic view of parking was needed.

KR, JF & DS will be discussing this at their meeting with SR on 11 Sept, and will report back.

KR,JF,DS

9. **SWRR:** No progress, Planning Application earliest next year.

10. **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** Nothing to report [MH}

11. **Other Groups:** *Accessible Stratford, Cycle Forum, Stratford Society, Councillors.* No reports.

12. **AOB:** RFH asked about Birmingham Road - there is no update. CS stated that as the new chair he is keen to hear member's views on how the group can be more effective: how it can best serve the town, what members want from the group, and how it can represent the broadest interests. He encouraged members to contact him.

All

Next meeting: 10am Wednesday 14 October 2020.

