

**Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group,  
10am, Wednesday 26 April 2017 at Stratford Town Hall**

**Present:** Ian Andrew [IA], Joe Baconnet [JB], Howard Blessington [HB], John Deegan, Chairman [JD], Elizabeth Dixon [ED], Ian Fradgley [IF], Richard Freer-Hewish [RFH], Ian Heggie [IH] *part of the meeting*, Mark Haselden [MH], Richard Lees [RL], Theresa Parker [TP], Peter Richards [PR], Stephen Rumble [SR], Dave Webb [DW].

The Chairman welcomed Howard Blessington, Transport Planner as a prospective new member; Cllr Peter Richards [SDC], Dave Webb, Executive Director [SDC].

Robin Sankey, Vice Chairman, has resigned from the group and a note of thanks to be sent.

ED

**New Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary to be elected at our meeting on 7 June. Anyone interested in these roles or wishing to nominate someone [with their permission would be helpful] please advise the current Secretary before the meeting.**

1. **Apologies:** Jenny Fradgley [JF], Kate Rolfe [KR], Robin Sankey, [RS].

2. **Minutes** of 8 March 2017 were agreed.

3. **Matters arising**

JD/ED

There will not be any change to Visitor & Resident parking until after a more comprehensive review of parking has been completed. The TTG will continue to keep the situation under review and revisit the issue later in the year.

4. **Stratford Transport Strategy Update:** There was a high response from individuals and organisations which is being analysed by a marketing agency. The analysis will be provisionally published in July / August with an updated version of the strategy available (optimistically) around October 2017.

SR

Following a request by RF-H at its previous meeting, TTG considered whether it should press for the Arup Walkable Core paper to be reconsidered as part of the Stratford Transport Strategy. IH reminded TTG of the reasons why it had not been progressed at the time of its production despite a general consensus that it was an excellent report; because of the potential impact on SDC car parking revenues, and because its proposals had been seen as too adventurous to be adopted in one "bite". WCC/SDC representatives confirmed that the report's proposals were still on the table, but they wanted the STS to be adopted without that level of detail at this stage with more detailed proposals to be followed up later in phases if necessary.

After discussion the, TTG agreed with the councils' approach, provided that there was a commitment by them to ongoing development and implementation of the strategy, including more effective liaison with local people via both TTG and consideration of the establishment of a "reference group" to provide advice. This was a role which TTG would be pleased to undertake if invited.

5. **South Western Relief Road:** SDC is consulting on a "Scoping" application by CALA Homes concerning the environmental impact of the proposed road. The land area of interest appears to have been determined without reference to

possible alternative routes for the road, but with fixed end points near the “Waitrose” roundabout and the entrance to the racecourse. TTG agreed that it should submit comments to SDC.

6. **The Tramway:** A summary of TTG concerns about pedestrian overcrowding, responsibilities during events, possible changes now the Wheel is in place, etc was given for the benefit of new members. The situation will be monitored during Festivals with the River likely to have most effect. *Next agenda.* JD  
RL  
ED
7. **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** Confirmed it has been submitted to SDC but awaits for ‘purdah’ to end on 11 May before release and Examination. Now the Town Council have to sell it to the public. MH
8. **Coaches:** Referred by Phil Applin about their nuisance in Old Town, will be discussed when he joins TTG. *Next Agenda.* ED
9. **Members Reports:** Work at Tiddington Road / Clopton Bridge scheduled September 2017, work at both Waitrose islands will follow, then at Evesham Road roundabout for new Bloor homes. Change to P&R service, back to the use of dedicated and liveried buses, as contract changes in June. SR  
ED  
IF  
The Wheel appears to be inaccessible to wheelchair users; asked for explanation.
10. **AOB:** What is happening about the Birmingham Road. SR confirmed that funding is still being sought. IA

**Next meeting: To be confirmed as a change is necessary due to several members being affected by the General Election.**