

## Minutes of Stratford-upon-Avon Town Transport Group meeting at the Town Hall, 10am Wednesday 9 December 2015

### Present

**TTG:** Ian Andrew [IA], Cllr. Tessa Bates, *Mayor* [TB], John Deegan [JD], Elizabeth Dixon [ED], Jenny Fradgley [JF], Ian Fradgley [IF], David Miller [DM], Kate Rolfe [KR], Robin Sankey, *Chairman* [RS], Mike Peet [MP], Karen Wild [KW].

**NP:** Phil Applin [PA], John Scampion [JS].

**Bus Operators:** Steve Burd [SB] Stagecoach, Pete Johnson [PJ] Johnson's Coaches, David Squire [DS] Diamond Buses.

Robin Sankey, Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including representatives from the Neighbourhood Plan Management Team, Diamond Buses, Johnson's Coaches, Stagecoach and WCC. SDC had been invited but had not replied.

1. JS explained to the bus operators and meeting how the Neighbourhood Plan team [NP] is trying to include the needs of all residents with regard to the provision of buses in Stratford town. 2 separate policies are included but a number of residents are asking for more; less blocking of Bridge Street and a bus station. It is important their suggestions are considered and adjustments made if appropriate before the NP goes to the next stage of Examination. The bus operators explained how their existing routes work, why there are several buses in Bridge Street, how they manage their services, what they are doing to make timetable improvements in the near future and what could be done to help them. There was a general discussion in the meeting of these things. John Scampion thanked the bus operators for their comments and the opportunity to explain what the NP is doing. He and Phil Applin then left the meeting. The bus operators also left the meeting emphasising their door was always open and to contact them by email if necessary..  
Mike Peet will explore different types of bus shelters and send to ED.

### Town Transport Group meeting commenced at 11.20am

2. **Apologies:** Tim Berwick [TB] received after meeting, Ian Heggie [IH], Richard Freer-Hewish [RFH] received after meeting, Theresa Parker [TP] for Nadhim Zahawi [NZ].
3. **Declarations of Interest** noted.
4. **Minutes** of 28 October 2015 were agreed.
5. **Matters arising:** Yet again no reply from SDC, Tony Perks, about cycle racks and again their representative was not present. But this should not distract that more cycle racks are needed and is part of encouraging not bringing cars into town. Councillors and Cycle Forum to ask again.  
Complain to SDC about this and their lack of contact with the group.  
Councillors to pursue.  
Station footbridge with lifts opened quietly on 25 November, hardly anyone noticed but it has already been used by lots of passengers and not just wheelchair users!  
Bollards in Henley Street near Bridge Street still not in use as the paperwork is completed but a spare part is required. Those at Meer Street and Henley Street at Windsor Street are working.

JF/KR/DM  
ED/ RS  
JF / KR  
ED

AP

6. **Pavements:** They are in a poor condition, broken slabs in many places, uneven surfaces all of which are a danger to pedestrians. Worse is that paving slabs removed many months ago on Waterside still have tarmac in their place. Members encouraged to inform KR + JF if they see pavements that need attention but inform [chsouth@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:chsouth@warwickshire.gov.uk) [Highways for this area] too. Stratforward have recently submitted a survey on the condition of our pavements to WCC
- ED  
KR  
  
KW
7. **Traffic during Christmas Markets:** Where does the traffic go during these or for any other Market. It may be possible for WCC to trace this although each event has a different effect on the town.
- MP
8. **Member reports:**
- Blue badges:** Already commented. ED
- Cycling:** The last Cycling Forum was cancelled but still waiting for Sustrans to complete their review and report to WCC DM
- Stratforward:** Wi-Fi will be installed across town in the very near future. KR  
2016 Event programme is near completion. RFH
- Nadhim Zahawi:** Attended a WCC presentation regarding future changes to traffic flows in SoA. Next Traffic Summit January 2016. TP [via ED]
9. **Any Other Business:** None

**Next meeting 10am Wednesday 20 January 2016 at Town Hall**