

Minutes of Stratford-upon-Avon Town Transport Group meeting at the Town Hall, 10am Wednesday 9 March 2016

Present: Ian Andrew [IA], Tess Bates, Mayor [TB], John Deegan [JD], Elizabeth Dixon [ED], Jenny Fradgley [JF], Ian Fradgley [IF], Ian Heggie [IH], Richard Freer-Hewish [RFH], Caroline Hackett [CH], David Miller [DM], Theresa Parker [TP] for Nadhim Zahawi [NZ], Kate Rolfe [KR], Robin Sankey, Mike Peet [MP], Karen Wild, Chairman [KW], **SDC:** Tony Perks, [TP].

Karen Wild, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that as she was leaving Stratford this would be her last meeting.

She welcomed Caroline Hackett representing BID members and Tony Perks from SDC.

1.	Apologies	
2.	Declarations of Interest noted:	
3.	Minutes of 20 January 2016 were agreed.	
4.	Matters arising: Why had TTG not submitted a response to the Birmingham Road consultation. Reference to last meeting when agreed this was for member organisations to provide responses. New Cycle Racks which will be moveable for events; SDC are paying for 2, TC, 1 and WCC, 2 = 5. Existing ones by Nat West will move to Bridge Street and new ones placed by Nat West bank.	RFH TP
5.	Gateway Project CONFIDENTIAL: Tony Perks gave an overview for the area between Arden Street, Guild Street and Windsor Street which includes a multi-storey CP, offices, dwellings which are in use and some listed properties that are boarded up. SDC and Peter Warwick own the area. The purpose of this project is to open up from the Maybird Centre and through to Henley Street and the Historic Spine. It is intended to retain a public multi-storey CP, offices, dwellings, add shops and a coach drop off for Birthplace visitors. Possibility of a bus / coach layover for general use. It is hoped to name a developer in the near future. This was followed by questions and answers.	
6.	Bollards: They are not in continual operation. When reported to WCC Signals as not working a response is not given. Safety of pedestrians in this area is important. WCC have a 'Bollards' page but those in Stratford are not included yet. Enquiry will be made with Signalling.	ED MP
7.	Chapel Lane: Open-top buses have limited space driving down Chapel Lane with vehicles parked on the nearside. In addition, the Headmaster of KES has outlined his concern for the safety of pupils coming out of the school gates. Can we consider asking the buses to use Sheep Street permanently as happened temporarily while work was undertaken at the Swan Theatre. Agreed to support this but initially ask KES to take this forwards and the TTG will support if necessary.	ED
8.	Member reports: Blue-badge users: Data is available from Gov.UK about the actions of local authorities and their actions for misuse of blue badges. It shows that WCC does not have a policy but issued 190 lost or stolen badges last year. They have the	ED

	<p>power to inspect blue badge users and seize them if being fraudulently used. Disabled Motoring UK have a scheme to support councils check blue badges. There is a photo on the rear, which should match the driver or passenger and be in use for the dates shown on the badge. Can WCC be encouraged to have a policy and do some checking in Stratford [and countywide].</p> <p>WCC provides the location and costs of their on-street parking but although blue-badge users are not charged this is not mentioned. WCC say the information is on the pay machines but good practice is to put this on the web site or other written papers, as SDC do and many other councils. Can they add this detail to their website?</p> <p>County Council: MP had been invited to go on a 'Street Scene Study' to London with Stratford Society but is unable to go so hopes another member of his team will go.</p> <p>Could MP inform us about the scoping and resourcing of the SOA Transport Strategy, the third brief from the traffic summits that is scheduled for the end of the year. The CEO of SOADC, Head of Services and Adrian Hart, WCC, Mr Tucker, consultant (not paid by WCC), have a group meeting shortly and MP intends to report to the TTG.</p> <p>Cycling: New cycle brochures have been produced. A few new connected routes, work is ongoing. Forum met recently and were updated by Lisa Jones.</p> <p>District Council: Funding application for a Feasibility Study into the Stratford Line has been turned down.</p> <p>Stratforward: Wi-Fi installation is completed and lots of data is coming through showing shopping and means of transport which will be useful to all parties moving forwards. Footfall data and duration of stay show the average dwell time being less than 50 minutes for all visitors, indicating that people are parking on street generally and not spending very long at all in the town centre. Comments relating to increasing congestion and being detrimental to business and consideration should be given to looking at parking policy on short and longer stay car parks.</p>	<p>JF/KR ED</p> <p>JF/KR</p> <p>RFH</p> <p>MP</p> <p>DM/RFH</p> <p>TP</p> <p>KW</p>
9.	<p>Appointment of Chairman: Proposed by KR and seconded by JF that John Deegan should be Chairman. No-one else was nominated or volunteered. JD accepted.</p> <p>Thanks to Karen for her time as member of the TTG being Chairman for one meeting! Wishing her well in Basinstoke.</p>	
	<p>Any Other Business: these were not discussed and will be on the 27 April agenda - Can signage for Rosebird P&R on A3400 by Waitrose be removed - 8 months since it closed.</p> <p>Has any more work been done about use of Tramway Bridge by pedestrians during events.</p>	<p>IH</p> <p>IH</p>
	Next meeting 10am, Wednesday 27 April 2016	