

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from a meeting at 9.30am - 11.30am

on Thursday 13 November 2025 by Zoom

Present: Steve Albon, George Cowcher, Elizabeth Dixon *Secretary*, Ian Fradgley, Jenny Fradgley, Lorraine Grocott, Mark Haselden, Andy List, Richard Lees, Caroline Nash, Kate Rolfe, Colin Stewart *Chair*, Jann Tracy, Steve Turner.

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WCC Councillors: George Finch, Leader; Edward Harris, Chair; Jennifer Warren, Transport Portfolio Holder; Stuart Green, Cabinet Support for Transport.

WCC Officers: Mark Ryder, Strategic Director for Communities; David Ayton-Hill, Assistant Director Communities, Transport Planning.

SDC: Officers: Tony Perks, Deputy Chief Executive; Councillor Susan Juned, Leader

Town Council: Caroline Nash, Town Clerk; Councillor Dani Hunter, Mayor.

Member of Parliament: Manuela Perteghella

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1 **Welcome** by Colin Stewart Chair.

Apologies: Stuart Green, Dani Hunter, Manuela Perteghella, Louisa Slator,

2 **Minutes** of 9 October 2025 were approved after an adjustment that Kate Rolfe was not present and had sent her apologies.

3 **Actions and Matters arising and not on the Agenda:**

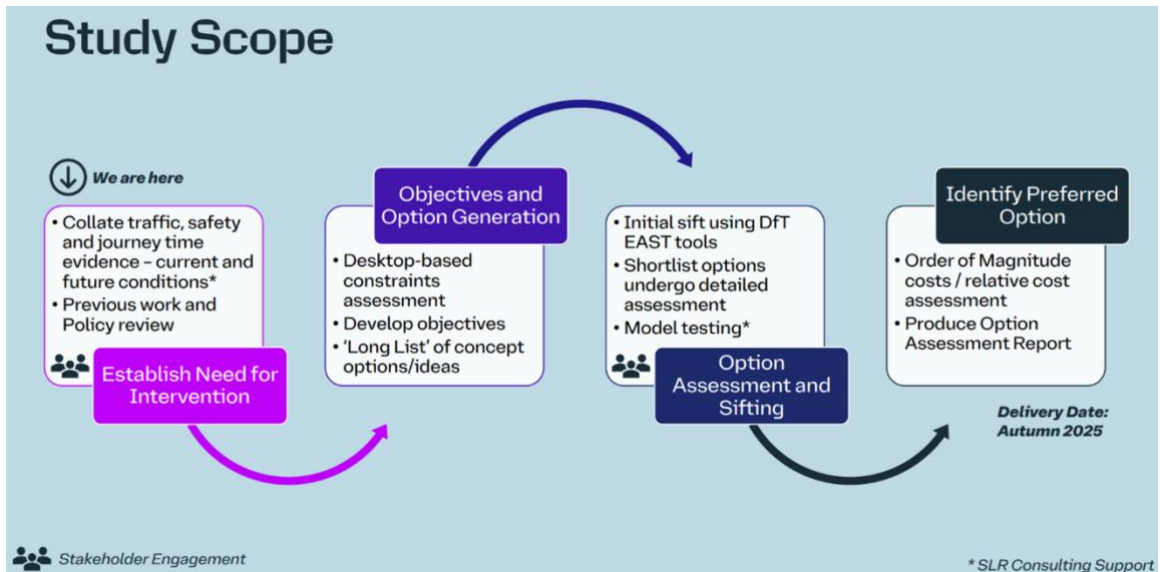
Kate Rolfe is now a member of WCC Buses group that meets monthly. Upcoming **KR** agenda items are real time bus information access to timetables.

Lorraine Grocott is investigating the ongoing lack of signage for the P&R and **LG** Parkway station which has been ongoing for the last 10 years. Mix of WCC and Highways Agency responsibility.

4 **South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP):** George Cowcher reported that potential sites had been inspected, and the Atkins report on transport is awaited.

5 **Integrated Transport Strategy & Action Plan:**

Bypass Study: Colin Stewart noted that he has been seeking progress updates from SDC on the bypass study but had not yet received an update. The work is being done by Atkins, who advised it is still Stage 1 - essentially, looking for a preferred option as shown in the diagram below. Currently in box three of the diagram - model testing and more detailed assessment of a shortlist.



6 Projects: see their status below

7 Planning Applications:

25/02533/OUT Land At West Shottery, Stratford-upon-Avon. SA noted this outline application is now live, with a target date for determination 22.4.2026. SDC have objected. TTG to review and object as this will be prejudicial to western bypass options.

CS

25/02398/LDE. BHS Bridge Street, possible new applicant?

8 Any Other Business:

Information about road closures for the Christmas Lights switch-on, Saturday 15 November.

RL

Heart of England Forest wish to discuss cycling opportunities.

CS

The next TTG meeting is from 9.30am - 11.30am on Thursday 11 December 2025 at the Town Hall

Guest speakers from the RSC and Warwickshire Buses.

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Stratford-upon-Avon Transport Project Status

	Project	Status	Action	Last Update
1	Pedestrian priority of Bridge Street & High Street	<p>WCC have advised the pilot will now have to be 12 months duration in order to get a TRO. At the last Strategic Partnership meeting (July), an implementation date of mid-March 2026 was agreed. WCC to progress and update costings for approval. Revised proposal awaited.</p> <p>CS understood approval to go ahead and acceptance of some costs were required by WCC. SG requested copies of the paperwork.</p> <p>Update expected at the next Strategic Partnership meeting on 20 November. The working group had not met.</p>	<p>WCC</p> <p>CN /CS</p>	<p>11.9.25</p> <p>11.9.25</p> <p>13.11.25</p>
2	Birmingham Road	<p>LG meetings with WCC project group ongoing since meeting with residents voicing concerns.</p> <p>Work has now completed. Arden St lights in operation by 14/11.</p> <p>Dangerous side road entries and exists exist at Oakleigh Road and Justins Avenue:</p> <p>LG has been trying to get a meeting for CS with WCC team, but they are unable to fix a date. Given serious concern, CS therefore wrote to Mark Ryder (Strategic Director WCC) illustrating that these layouts do not comply with the design standards. Richard Fenwick (Director of Highways) responded, and has now referred to the designers for a response. This is still awaited.</p> <p>LG advised WCC insist they are safe and will only take action if accidents occur.</p>	<p>CS/LG</p> <p>WCC</p>	<p>13.11.25</p> <p>13.11.25</p>

		It was noted there have already been several accidents. Suggestion that Coventry CC were asked to do a safety audit. AL to check.	AL	13.11.25
3	Clopton Bridge / Tiddington Road Junction	Original scheme withdrawn. Project now limited to replacing the pelican crossings outside Cox's Yard with a signal-controlled junction. KR advised the scheme has run into difficulties as a sliver of land is required to allow for the circulating lane on the gyratory to be widened to 2-lane. CS and AL repeated their comments from when this proposal was first aired in 2021 , questioning whether 2-lanes were needed. CS showed the meeting the layout and traffic figures which he had sent to councillors, illustrating only a relatively small number of vehicles would use the widened 2-lane approach, and suggested this should be reviewed for value for money, when an alternative would be to keep existing kerblines, and change the electronics from pelicans to traffic signals. WCC insist the planned changes are suitable.	WCC KR KR	12.6.25 9.10.25 13.11.25
4	Evesham Roundabout	Now open, WCC to decide how to connect cycle paths through the junction. WCC still to commission design work. Update awaited.	WCC SA	14.12.23 9.10.25
5	Alcester Road A46 Roundabout (Shottery Relief Road)	Meeting 28 Feb. arranged by our MP, confirmed this work will start once Birmingham Road is complete. Work has now started .		13.11.25
6	Alcester Road Cycle Tracks	Stephen Rumble presented proposals to TTG at 11.7.24 meeting. CS wrote with simple suggestions to accommodate LTN1/20 requirements at junctions on 12.7.24. No response. Councillors to chase. Plans have been shown to Cycle Forum and there will be consultation. Connection to A46 OK, but connection to town is still an		

		issue. AL to arrange meeting with three Councillors.	AL	15.07.25
7	Western Bypass	Route options study has started in two stages. TTG were requested to input. Initial meeting held WCC, SDC, Atkins. See item 5 on agenda		13.11.25
8	Greenway All-weather Surfacing	Phase 1: Milcote to SuA works complete, however the surface which was understood to be bonded all weather tar & chip, appears to be loose unwashed round gravel including significant fine material and dust. It has been noted it is difficult to wheel through on bikes, push chairs. S106 wording, which specifies a “ sealed all-weather surface on the Greenway between the site and Stratford-upon-Avon, to make the route suitable for cycle commuting and other utility journeys from the site. ” Which clearly is not what has been constructed. Still unresolved. KR has received a call from WCC’s Andrew Pau, saying they will be meeting with the contractor to understand why this surface was put in place rather than a chip and tar with composite surface. AP will come back to KR mid-October. WCC now advise they will sweep loose gravel 17 November. Meeting on site with WCC 1.12.25. SDC have allocated £600k for Milcote to Long Marston. All agreed a specification should be agreed before work commences.	WCC KR/CS /ED	9.10.25 13.11.25
9	Canal Quarter Regeneration	Waiting for a decision after the site is bought.	SDC	8.05.25
10	Gateway	Work commissioned for Arden Street Car Park demolition.	SDC	13.11.25
11	Warwick Road	Complete. Cycle Forum had been discussing extension into town using existing wide paving in front of Grosvenor Hotel, with TS. Works are mainly signing. LG requested to chase. Request from LG again	LG	13.11.25

12	Tow Path improvement, Bishops Lane to Timothy's Bridge Rd.	S106 Funding available from Bishopton Housing development. SDC negotiating with Canal & Rivers Trust to do the work. Third Party insurance claim is the hold up. GC requested to follow up possibility of SDC doing the work to remove the landslip and recharge land owner. GC will investigate	SDC GC GC	12.10.23 8.05.25 13.10.25
14	Banbury Road cycle route extension to Sonnett Park.	S106 funding received from development. Feasibility study being undertaken	WCC WCC	20.3.24 8.05.25
15	Tramway footpath extension	Funding for extension past Seven Meadows road and going past Waitrose.	AL	13.10.25