

# Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from a meeting at 9.30am - 11am

on Thursday 12 February 2026 by Zoom

**Present:** Cllr Steve Albon, Cllr George Cowcher, Elizabeth Dixon *Secretary*, Cllr Jenny Fradgley, Cllr Lorraine Grocott, Mark Haselden, Richard Lees, Cllr Lindsay MacDonald, Caroline Nash, Cllr Kate Rolfe, Louisa Slator, Colin Stewart *Chair*,

Jacqui O'Hanlon RSC Deputy Executive Director & Director of Creative Learning and Engagement

**Circulated to Members of the TTG and**

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

**WCC Officers:** Mark Ryder, Strategic Director for Communities; Richard Fenwick, Director of Highways; 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 and to Jacqui O'Hanlon from the RSC.

We remembered Richard Freer-Hewish who passed away on 13 December 2025. Richard was a member of the TTG for many years, with great knowledge of all types of transport throughout his working life. He was widely travelled and also a keen cyclist. Even when he'd left the TTG he kept reminding us of all that was right, wrong and still needed to be done with transport matters in Stratford upon Avon.

**Apologies:** Cllr Stuart Green, Cllr Danni Hunter, Andy List, Jann Tracy, Steve Turner.

## 2 Jaqui O'Hanlon spoke about how the RSC was advocating for better transport infrastructure for the benefit of staff, audiences and the local economy. They have spent considerable time investigating how improvements can be made including developing an understanding of local, regional and national transport policy makers.

The RSC had previously employed a fixed term contract role to explore transport options and how the RSC could best position itself to support the town in getting the improvements needed. However, that fixed term contract role came to an end and it is not possible for the RSC to continue with a dedicated member of staff focusing on transport. Several senior colleagues at the RSC now incorporate transport issues into their roles. Andrew Leveson, Executive

Director is sitting on a DCMS convened Tourism and Visitor Economy committee and has responsibility to the Board. The RSC also has a Commercial Director and Director of Audiences and Brand who discuss transport needs in all their spheres of influence. Jacqui also incorporates transport advocacy along with the RSC's Director of Communication and External Affairs.

By way of example of previous work, the RSC piloted a late-night bus service to Coventry to fit around the end of the evening performances that has now been taken over by Stagecoach. But there is no other late provision on public transport, so audiences suffer! The RSC aims for its work on transport to be strategic, operational and tactical. It also includes contact with younger people - most recently through the arts and culture strategy in which consultation with young people included comments about a desire for more pedestrianisation and cycle lanes in the town.

The ITS was shared with Jacqui and it was agreed that going forwards we would work together where necessary.

- 3 **Minutes** of 13 November 2025 were approved.
- 4 **Actions and Matters arising and not on the Agenda:** Further to the visit in December from WCC Bus staff questions for the TTG had been submitted and then replied to. These had been shared with members.
- 5 **South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP):** GC reported that they are crystallising where they are with locations. The Regulation 19 publication should be ready by the end of April and has to be submitted by Christmas.
- 6 **Integrated Transport Strategy & Action Plan:**  
The report on the bypass is still awaited. CS has been chasing.
- 7 **Projects:** see their status below
- 8 **Planning Applications:** No new applications.

**The next TTG meeting is from 9.30am - 11:30 am  
on Thursday 12 March 2026 at the Town Hall**

Stratford-upon-Avon **13 February 2026**  
**Stratford-upon-Avon Transport Project Status**

	Project	Status	Action	Last Update
1	Pedestrian priority of Bridge Street & High Street	<p>The Strategic Partnership has now been advised that a Masterplan is to be tendered, which will provide 2 options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Low level intervention plan that will deliver on a modest level, the key aims and objectives and can be implemented within 12 months (subject to TRO and other statutory permissions) at a reasonable cost. Designed to RIBA 4 including any technical surveys required to inform this.</li> <li>2. Aspiring intervention plan that will deliver on a more aspirational level, the key aims and objectives and could be implemented within 24 - 36 months (subject to TRO and other statutory permissions) subject to funding. RIBA stage 2 only.</li> </ol> <p>CS had pointed out to WCC that there has been a lot of work done previously, and to expedite the outcome it would be essential to ensure all was taken into account and not repeated. To this end, he noted that WCC's briefing had omitted the 2009 "Walkable Core" report which set out proposals and basis which are considered by many to be the most comprehensive, and could shorten some of the timescales in the proposal.</p>	WCC	13.02.26
2	Birmingham Road	<p>LG meetings with WCC project group ongoing.</p> <p><b>Dangerous side road entries and exists exist at Oakleigh Road and Justins Avenue:</b></p> <p>CS has corresponded several times with Richard Fenwick (Director of Highways)</p>		

		<p>since mid-December. The latest response is that while WCC consider the side roads safe, they are now looking at what changes can be made. CS has reiterated the concern that the junctions are non-compliant particularly in terms of sight line obstruction due to the two-lane approach from the right.</p> <p>LG advised reinstatement of ghost islands or traffic signals are now under consideration. CS noted these were the options put forward in his emails starting 14 October 25.</p>	WCC	13.02.26
3	Clopton Bridge / Tiddington Road Junction	<p><b>Original scheme withdrawn.</b></p> <p>Project now limited to replacing the pelican crossings outside Cox's Yard with a signal-controlled junction.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>WCC insist the planned changes are suitable.</p>	WCC  KR  KR	12.6.25  9.10.25  13.11.25
4	Evesham Roundabout	<p>Now open, WCC to decide how to connect cycle paths through the junction. WCC still to commission design work.</p> <p>Update awaited.</p>	WCC  SA	14.12.23  9.10.25
5	Alcester Road A46 Roundabout (Shottery Relief Road)	<p>Meeting 28 Feb. arranged by our MP, confirmed this work will start once Birmingham Road is complete.</p> <p>Work has now started .</p>		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. <b>AL to arrange meeting with three Councillors.</b>	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. <a href="#">See item 5 on agenda</a>		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 <b>“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.”</b> Which clearly is not what has been constructed. <b>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.</b> <a href="#">WCC now advise they will sweep loose gravel 17 November. Meeting on site with WCC 1.12.25.</a> <a href="#">SDC have allocated £600k for Milcote to Long Marston. All agreed a specification should be agreed before work commences.</a>	WCC  KR/CS /ED	9.10.25  13.11.25
9	Canal Quarter Regeneration	<b>Waiting for a decision after the site is bought.</b>	SDC	8.05.25
10	Gateway	<a href="#">Work commissioned for Arden Street Car Park demolition.</a>	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 undertake. KR advised this has now hit the buffers as the S106 allocation was £220k, and works expectation is £600k. This discrepancy has happened frequently, CS asked how incorrect S106 allowances are set?	SDC/ WCC	13.02.26
15	Tramway footpath extension	Funding for extension past Seven Meadows road and going past Waitrose.	AL	13.10.25