

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from a meeting at 9.30am - 11.30am

on Thursday 12 March 2026 at the Town Hall

Present: Aaron Corsi, Cllr George Cowcher, Elizabeth Dixon *Secretary*, Cllr Ian Fradgley, Mark Haselden, Richard Lees, Andy List, Cllr Kate Rolfe, Colin Stewart *Chair*,

Richard Fenwick WCC Highways, Moises Mugerza WCC Highways.

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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; Cllr Susan Juned, Leader

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

Member of Parliament: Manuela Perteghella

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- 1 **Welcome** by Colin Stewart Chair to everyone and our visitors from WCC Highways. Cllr Warren had sent late apologies.

Apologies: Cllr Steve Albon, John Deegan, Cllr Jenny Fradgley, Cllr Lorraine Grocott, Cllr Dani Hunter - Mayor, Cllr Lindsay MacDonald, Caroline Nash, Louisa Slator, Jann Tracey, Steve Turner, Cllr Jennifer Warren.

- 2 Richard Fenwick (WCC Director of Highways) and Moises Mugerza (WCC Team Manager for Project & Programme Management) gave an overview of their roles and work, together with the interfaces with the other teams in the Communities Directorate. They welcomed interaction with the TTG. CS noted how important it was for the group to have communication with WCC, thanked them for attending and their open and inclusive discussions. He extended an invitation for future meetings.

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3 Minutes of 12 February 2026 were approved after an alteration was made to the last meeting date.

4 Actions and Matters arising and not on the Agenda: *Nothing extra.*

5 South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP): Cllr Cowcher reported on the latest timescale for this work. Crucial date is 28 May for joint councils to agree the Regulation 19 proposal. This would lead to June/July consultation. Getting the infrastructure right and politically accepted is critical.

6 Integrated Transport Strategy & Action Plan:

CS rehearsed the TTG’s Integrated Transport Strategy & Action Plan for the benefit of Richard Fenwick and Moises Muguera, and others attending who were not in post when it was initially launched. He noted how a proper study for a bypass was a key to unlocking other transport initiatives, and that SDC had put forward the funding for the study in support of the SWLP.

The first stage of this work is now complete and the following three reports are publicly available on the SDC website:

- SuA Highway Capacity Study - Non Technical Summary
- Delivery Strategy and Cost Refinement - Executive Summary
- Delivery Strategy and Cost Refinement - Full Report

The preferred option is a Western Bypass, and the findings were presented on the screen.

The key document is an Option Assessment Report (OAR), which is expected in the spring of 2026 and crucial for input to the SWLP.

7 Projects: see their status below

8 Planning Applications: No new applications.

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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"> 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. 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. <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>Dangerous side road entries and exists exist at Oakleigh Road and Justins Avenue:</p> <p>CS has corresponded several times with Richard Fenwick (Director of Highways) since mid-December. The latest response is</p>		

		<p>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> <p>Richard Fenwick advised changes being looked at. TTG members reinforced the urgency.</p>	<p>WCC</p> <p>WCC</p>	<p>13.02.26</p> <p>12.03.26</p>
3	Clopton Bridge / Tiddington Road Junction	<p>Original scheme withdrawn.</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> <p>KR advised that 2-lanes into town would now be reduced to 1 as TTG suggested!</p>	<p>WCC</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>	<p>12.6.25</p> <p>9.10.25</p> <p>13.11.25</p> <p>13.02.26</p>
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>	<p>WCC</p> <p>SA</p>	<p>14.12.23</p> <p>9.10.25</p>

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	See item 6 on agenda		12.03.26
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 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