

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from a meeting held by Zoom on 11 June 2026

Present: Cllr Steve Albon, Jo Bozdoganli, Cllr George Cowcher, Eizabeth Dixon *Secretary*, Cllr Jenny Fradgley, Cllr Ian Fradgley, Cllr Lorraine Grocott, Mark Haselden, Cllr Lindsay McDonald, Cllr Sam McNaught Barrow, Caroline Nash, Colin Stewart *Chair*.

Circulated to Members of the TTG and:

WCC Councillors: George Finch, *Leader*; Dale Keeling, *Chair*; Stephen Shaw *Transport Portfolio Holder*; Jennifer Warren, *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 Sam McNaught Barrow, *Mayor*.

Member of Parliament: Manuela Perteghella

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1 Welcome by Colin Stewart, *Chair*.

Apologies: Aaron Corsi, Richard Fenwick, Richard Lees, Manuela Perteghella MP, Cllr Kate Rolfe, Cllr Stephen Shaw, Jann Tracy, Steve Turner.

2 Minutes of 9 April 2026 were agreed.

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

4 South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP): George Cowcher said after submitting a draft SWLP to the inspector, the joint councils [SDC and WDC] had received advice about what was acceptable and not, advising refinement to the growth for housing numbers. Work is being done to make these changes and will be presented to SDC OSC on 10/07. Then on 13/07 to the Joint Steering Committee in the morning, SDC at 2pm and WDC at 6pm. Assuming there is approval, a Consultation will start on 20/07 until 7/09 so that it can be submitted to the Sec of State as planned before Christmas, leading to a Public Inquiry in 2027.

5 Integrated Transport Strategy & Action Plan:

1 Western bypass: Colin Stewart rehearsed the relevant parts of the Integrated Transport Strategy and Action Plan (ITS&A), noting that a bypass was a catalyst to free up space for other interventions. Notwithstanding the requirements of the SWLP, he illustrated that the traffic in the town and over the Clopton Bridge is such that a bypass has been required for a long time. He noted that in the ITS&A there are 15

objectives that the bypass would be intended to achieve, and only two of these related to potential new housing.

Further he noted that the Options Assessment Report had now been made public, and illustrated the TAG (DfT's Transport Analysis Guidance) Option Development Process, where it is good practice to carry out public consultation at this stage, which would combat misinformation, give residents a voice, could start to build a consensus, and provide invaluable input to future design work. The TTG advocate an exhibition attended by design team experts, followed by a public consultation to consider route options at either end give the public the opportunity to give their views on bridge types. Currently this does not appear on the programme, and CS to write to propose an urgent exhibition and public consultation.

CS

CS also illustrated the significant risk posed by Planning application 25/02533/OUT Land West of Shottery, which would prohibit the connection of the bypass to Wildmoor Roundabout. The urgent need to Safeguard this potential route, as it was shorter and could be significantly more economic was discussed. CS was asked to write to SDC to highlight this crucial issue.

CS

A number of mitigation schemes were also noted to be in the documents, which bring forward items such as the signalling of Tiddington Road / Clopton Bridge, which have been shown not to work, and eventually agreed and abandoned by WCC.

6 Projects: see their status below

7 **Planning Applications:** 25/02713 - Demolition of the farmhouse and associated buildings and the erection of 89 dwellings (including 35% affordable housing) with public open space with children's play area and hillside park, landscaping, sustainable drainage system and other associated works, with access from Evesham Road.

8 Any Other Business:

Stratford Bus/Rail Interchange:

A note had been received from John Morgan seeking views on the Stratford Bus/Rail Interchange. It has largely been unused, with bus operators unwilling to use it. CS noted that transport hubs were an intervention in the ITS&A and should be supported. It was proposed to ask John what could be done.

CS

EV charging: Elizabeth Dixon contacted WCC about their new contracts for on-street EV charging and how this will affect users with disabilities. They have provided a detailed reply, which stated they would be accessible where possible. ED wondered why all EV units aren't going to be suitable for all users?

ED

Accessible Stratford, Climate Action, Cycle Forum, Neighbourhood Plan, Stratford-Upon-Avon BID, Strategic Partnership, Stratford Society, Technical Sub-Group, Town, District and County Councillors

**The next TTG meeting is at 9.30am - 11.30am, Thursday 9 July 2026
by Zoom**

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> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <p>CN reported that a consultant had now been appointed, with aim to deliver a draft in Sept/Oct and Masterplan by December.</p>	WCC	11.06.26
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 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</p>		

		<p>line obstruction due to the two-lane approach from the right. 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 had been asked for update, and has advised that a solution including vehicle activation of the pedestrian crossing traffic signals to allow vehicles to exit Justins Avenue, and Speed Indicator devices on Birmingham Road are under consideration. TTG still concerned about the safety of right turning across 2 lanes with poor visibility, and outbound queues generated by no right turn facility.</p>	WCC	13.02.26
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3	Clopton Bridge / Tiddington Road Junction	<p>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 kerb lines, and change the electronics from pelicans to traffic signals.</p> <p>WCC insist the planned changes are suitable. KR advised that 2-lanes into town would now be reduced to 1 as TTG suggested.</p>	WCC	12.6.25
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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	14.12.23
		<p>Update awaited.</p>	SA	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. Stated that funding is not now available, but Government £4.5bn fund just announced!	AL	15.07.25 11.06.26
7	Western Bypass	See item 5 on main agenda above.		
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. WCC have swept loose gravel, but surface is uneven and unpleasant to ride on. 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	9.11.25
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 to chase.	LG	13.11.25 11.06.26
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 landowner. Jo Bozdoganli requested CS to provide background to try to action this.	SDC GC CS JB	12.10.23 8.05.25 11.06.26 11.06.26
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.	SDC/ WCC	13.02.26
15	Tramway footpath extension	Funding available for extension past Seven Meadows Road and going past Waitrose. AL to update	AL AL	13.10.25 11.06.26