

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from a meeting held by Zoom on Thursday 9 July 2026

Present: Cllr Steve Albon, Jo Bozdoganli, Aaron Corsi, Eizabeth Dixon *Secretary*, Cllr Jenny Fradgley, Cllr Ian Fradgley, Cllr Lorraine Grocott, Mark Haselden, Andy List, Cllr Lindsay McDonald, Moises Muguerza WCC, Colin Stewart *Chair*, Steve Turner.

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

Additional information can be found on the Stratford Town Council website, <https://stratford-tc.gov.uk/town-transport-group/>

1 Welcome by Colin Stewart, Chair.

Apologies: Richard Fenwick, Richard Lees, Cllr Sam McNaught Barrow, Caroline Nash, Graham Nelson, Manuela Perteghella MP, Cllr Kate Rolfe, Cllr Stephen Shaw, Jann Tracy, Cllr Jennifer Warren.

2 Minutes of 11 June 2026 were agreed.

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

4 South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP): Jo Bozdoganli reported that an updated Regulation 19 was published and a schedule of changes were on the SWLP website. To enable this work SDC and WDC OSC's meet separately on Monday 13/07 with them having a joint meeting on Tuesday 14/07. Both Councils then meet on Wednesday 15/07. If agreed there will be a 7-week public consultation from 21/07 until 08/09 prior to submission.

5 Integrated Transport Strategy & Action Plan (ITS&AP):

1. Western bypass: As action from the last meeting, CS had written to SDC & WCC to request safeguarding of the connection to Wildmore Roundabout (via Shottery Relief Rd spur), as this route is significantly shorter than the connection west of the new business park, and would not require upgrading that section of A46. He noted that using the costs in the Atkins report, the additional cost of not safeguarding this route could be between £6 to £8m. He also recorded the further action to suggest an exhibition and consultation of the proposed bypass to give residents a voice, combat misinformation, could start to build a consensus, and provide valuable input to future design work. JB advised that there was more work to be done to look at the ends of the route.

2. Feedback from meeting with Marrons: CS reported on a meeting he, ED, and MH had with Marrons. It was also attended by PJA Transport Consultants, Bloor Homes and TTC-TP. This followed an original request from them following the launch of the ITS&AP. Planning applications they represent included West Of Shottery, and East of Shipston Road. The Marrons team advised there was no need to allow for the bypass route as the schedule 19 plans only contained the longer more expensive route. TTG raised issues of protecting abandoned rail lines for future use, and southern Park & Ride.

3. Stratford Bus/Rail Interchange:

Following John Morgan's note reported at the last meeting, ED/CS had contacted John with a view to meeting. He was reluctant as he has tried to take this forward on several occasions.

MM

MM to ask Margaret Smith Transport Manager for ongoing information

JB

4. Stratford - Long Marston - Honeybourne - Oxford/Worcester rail link: It had been reported CIL funding is available to progress this. JB to check.

6 Projects: see their status below

7 Planning Applications: 25/02713 Land at Bordon Hill

25/02533/OUT Land west Shottery - Highways document added

26/01261/VARY Land south of Alcester Road [A46] and East of |Drayton Manor Drive

8 Any Other Business:

- Manuela Perteghella had asked ED to raise issue of 50mph speed limits on northern part of Shottery relief Road. AL raised issue of lack of 20mph signs and repeaters in town centre. MM to check as part of wayfinding work.

MM

- Herald contacted CS after last meeting and published an article.

- Voices for Warwickshire transport consultation had been received by ED, and she has asked whether it can be circulated.

- SA noted that there will be a summer promotion again this year for the Park & Ride.

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 from 9.30am - 11.30am on
Thursday 10 September 2026 at the Town Hall**

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Stratford-upon-Avon Transport Project Status

	Project	Status	Action	Last Update
1	Pedestrian priority of Bridge Street & High Street	CN reported that a consultant had now been appointed, with aim to deliver a draft in Sept/Oct and Masterplan by December. PJA now appointed, TTG and Accessible Stratford invited to meet them.	WCC	11.06.26 09.07.26
2	Birmingham Road	LG meetings with WCC project group ongoing. Dangerous side road entries and exists exist at Oakleigh Road and Justins Avenue: 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 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. 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.	WCC WCC	13.02.26 11.06.26

		Active review has taken place with remedial works to be undertaken after surveys of Justins Avenue, The Avenue and Oakleigh Road. Also, road safety audit. Residents meeting in August and it's hoped to implement in September	MM	9.07.26
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 kerb lines, and change the electronics from pelicans to traffic signals. WCC insist the planned changes are suitable. KR advised that 2-lanes into town would now be reduced to 1 as TTG suggested. KR now advised this has now returned to 2-lanes again!	WCC KR KR KR KR	12.6.25 9.10.25 13.11.25 13.02.26 9.6.26
4	Evesham Roundabout	Now open, WCC to decide how to connect cycle paths through the junction. WCC still to commission design work. Update awaited. No scheme, no funding.	WCC SA SA	14.12.23 9.10.25 9.07.26
5	Alcester Road A46 Roundabout (Shottery Relief Road)	Work has now started . October completion.		13.11.25 9.07.26
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! Check to be made for availability of cycle funds.	AL MM	15.07.25 11.06.26 9.07.26
7	Western Bypass	See item 5.1 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. Any changes now to phase 1 would be minor works. SDC CIL funding provided refers to the ‘whole 7.5 miles to be resurfaced’. Design to be done, CS to ask RF for update.	WCC KR/CS /ED MM CS	9.11.25 9.07.26 9.07.26
9	Canal Quarter Regeneration	Waiting for a decision after the site is bought. Check on site to be made.	SDC JB	8.05.25 9.07.26

10	Gateway	Work commissioned for Arden Street Car Park demolition. Likely to start in September.	SDC	13.11.25 9.07.26
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. Wayfinding	LG	13.11.25 11.06.26 9.07.26
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. We are now told the location of the slip is from property owned by SDC, under a long lease, which changes the outcome for a solution to re-open the footpath. MP has been informed.	SDC GC CS JB JB LG	12.10.23 8.05.25 11.06.26 11.06.26 9.07.26 9.07.26
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. No funding	SDC/ WCC	13.02.26 9.07.26
15	Tramway footpath extension	Funding available for extension past Seven Meadows Road and going past Waitrose. AL to update	AL AL	13.10.25 9.07.26