

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from a meeting held on Thursday 10 September 2026

at the Town Hall

Present: Cllr Steve Albon, Aaron Corsi, Cllr George Cowcher, John Deegan, Eizabeth Dixon *Secretary*, Cllr Jenny Fradgley, Cllr Ian Fradgley, Cllr Lorraine Grocott, Mark Haselden, Mel Harris, Richard Lees, Andy List, Cllr Lindsay McDonald, Caroline Nash, Sean Nicholson SDC, Cllr Kate Rolfe, 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

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1 Welcome by Colin Stewart, Chair.

Apologies: Jo Bozdoganli, Richard Fenwick, Cllr Sam McNaught Barrow, Manuela Perteghella MP, Cllr Stephen Shaw, Jann Tracy.

2 Minutes of 9 July 2026 were agreed.

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

4 South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP): Sean Nicholson reported that the Consultation period had now closed and all comments will be considered before the SWLP is submitted to the Planning Inspector.

The SWLP, being jointly produced by SDC and Warwick DC, will be considered by the full SDC Council on 14 December. Prior to this it will be considered by the Joint Council on 11 December and SDC OSC on 9 December.

Work is still to be done for the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and progressing the Bypass. There was then a wide discussion by members about the SWLP including a group that has been set up in the Trinity Mead area to object to the plan, the

High School, roads after building, lack of Healthcare - although SN said this was under consideration with the Integrated Care Board.

CS outlined the representations made on behalf of TTG which were based on agreed positions of the group, namely ID.4 Western Bypass, ID.7 Park & Ride, and STR.3 Land West of SuA. In addition, as it had not been possible to bring the whole TTG membership together before the submission a representation had been made by the Technical Sub-group in relation to STR.2 South-East of SuA.

- 5 Strategic Partnership New Structure** (paper circulated with the agenda): CS illustrated the new structure of the Strategic Partnership which is intended to be a vehicle to move from vision to delivery with bringing in those with authority to act, particularly from the councils, and also allowing a wider input from the town community. It is intended that the TTG will be the lead for the Ease of Movement delivery group.

JD reminded the meeting that the TTG had been set up by the Stratford Society & BID, it was always an independent group, and that there was merit in that. CS agreed and proposed a review of the TTG and Ease of Use ToR's to see how they would fit together, with a view to bringing a proposal to the October meeting.

CS/ED

- 6 High Street Pedestrianisation:** PJA have now been engaged. CS & ED attended an initial consultation. First draft expected end September with the final at end December.

- 7 Shottery Traffic Management -Study:** CS and ED have been asked by WCC to join this study stakeholder group on behalf of TTG. Scope is to identify, assess and develop options to help reduce through-traffic within Shottery. It is being funded through West of Shottery development, section 106 agreement.

- 8 Active Travel Fund (£4.5bn):** CS has been chasing WCC to see what portion of this could be attributed to the town's long outstanding list of active travel schemes. WCC share is approx. £10m over 2 years. CS has suggested Alcester Road as priority, and request County Councillors on TTG to lobby for this.

CS

- 9 Changes to bus services & Park & Ride:** There have been a number of changes to buses, including a reduction of Park & Ride frequency from 15-minute intervals to 30 minutes during the week, and a shorter day. Some X18 & X21 buses will divert via the P&R site. Concern was expressed that there had been no consultation with councillors. KR to contact WCC for comment.

KR

- 10 Rail - Warwick Arc / Honeybourne to Stratford:** The Strategic Business Case (2024) shortlisted two options. CS & ED had been advised that CIL funding was available to further work on this and requested clarification of current status.

GC/JB

- 11 Any Other Business:**

Accessible Stratford: ED is working to ensure EV charging units are accessible wherever they are placed. Meeting Transport Portfolio Holder as WCC have extra funding.

County Councillor: KR reported on funding to make changes around Sonnet Park.

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 8 October 2026 by Teams**

Stratford-upon-Avon Transport Project Status

	Project	Status	Action	Last Update
1	Pedestrian priority of Bridge Street & High Street	The Strategic Partnership has now been advised that a Masterplan is to be tendered, which will provide 2 options: 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. 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. 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	WCC WCC MM	13.02.26 11.06.26 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.	WCC KR KR	12.6.25 9.10.25 13.11.25

		KR advised that 2-lanes into town would now be reduced to 1 as TTG suggested.	KR	13.02.26
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)	Meeting 28 Feb. arranged by our MP, confirmed this work will start once Birmingham Road is complete. 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 would be minor works. SDC CIL refers to the 'whole 7.5 miles to be resurfaced'.	WCC KR/CS /ED MM	9.11.25 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 9.7.26
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 by property owned by SDC, 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 9.7.26
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 11.06.26