

Stratford upon Avon Town Transport Group [TTG]

Minutes from a meeting held on Thursday 8 October 2026

by Teams

Present: Cllr Steve Albon, Jo Bozdoganli, John Deegan, Eizabeth Dixon *Secretary*, Cllr Lorraine Grocott, Mark Haselden, Richard Lees, Andy List, Cllr Lindsay McDonald, Cllr Sam McNaught-Barrow [*part of the meeting*], Cllr Kate Rolfe, Colin Stewart *Chair*, Jann Tracy, 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: Aaron Corsi, Cllr George Cowcher, Richard Fenwick, Caroline Nash, Graham Nelson.

2 Minutes of 10 September 2026 were agreed.

3 Actions and Matters arising and not on the Agenda: CS referred to item 9, the changes to the P&R timetable:

- Confusion of where to board return buses, as X18 & X21 depart from a different location than dedicated P&R buses. **KR**
- SDC and BID websites still carrying old 15 minute service **JB/AC**
- Buses generally - bus stop timetables have been out of date since August. the that have not been updated at bus stops. **KR/ED**

Concern was expressed at the effects the current reduced service would have on usage.

4 South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP): JB explained that SDC was inputting the representations they have received and going through the procedures to publish them. Changes cannot be made to the Plan, but they could suggest

minor modifications to the Inspector. Eventually, time frame unknown, the Inspector(s) will complete the examination of the draft Plan and there will then be Public Hearings before the final Plan is agreed. The style of these has not been agreed.

- 5 TTG Terms of Reference:** CS explained that these were being reviewed as it is intended that the TTG will support the Ease of Movement section for the Strategic Partnership. A minor change was agreed, CS to finalise draft. It was agreed that they have not been reviewed regularly but going forwards they will. CS asked that all organisations attached to the TTG review their nominated members in accordance with the Members list - **send to ED by 1 December.**

CS
All
- 6 High Street Pedestrianisation:** There has not been a further update from WCC. 1st draft was expected end Sept.

WCC
- 7 Shottery Traffic Management -Study:** CS explained the meeting that he and ED had attended with Jacobs gave their suggestions to improve the through traffic situation. Origin-destination cameras have recorded over 50% of traffic is through traffic, which shouldn't be there. CS/ED made a number of suggestions. Many stakeholders are being consulted before actual suggestions are made.
- 8 Active Travel Fund (£4.5bn):** CS referred to the excellent note by SA about the Alcester Road and agreed to send it out with the minutes.

CS/ED
- 9 Rail:** JB confirmed that CIL money could not be used for further studies on Honeybourne-Stratford, as it must be used for physical work. With rail now moving back into public ownership, it was suggested contact should be made with those responsible, which falls outside West Midlands Rail.

CS/ED
- 10 Planning Applications:** Nothing new but lots of updates and additions to the existing ones that we are tracking about Highway matters.
- 11 Any Other Business:**
Accessible Stratford: ED is working to ensure EV charging units are accessible wherever they are placed. Cllr Shaw, Portfolio Holder had walked around town with her looking at blue badge and taxi bays - their location and design.

JB was asked for clarification about the land ownership surrounding the canal tow path at Bishopston that has meant it has been closed for over 2 years. This has interrupted pedestrians walking into Stratford from the P&R. It has been confirmed that SDC are the owners, but it is the responsibility of the lessee. SDC is issuing an Order to the lessee which will require them to get the work done within 3 months.

ED

AL asked when will the work along Warwick Road back to Guild Street for pedestrians and cyclists be undertaken?

LG

CS referred to the problems on the Birmingham Road at Justins Ave which still have not been resolved. WCC says there is not an issue, but they are monitoring it. It is known that the road design is incorrect. Not helped having two lanes of traffic coming into town, when actually it should be one in and two out!

**The next TTG meeting is from 9.30am - 11.30am on
Thursday 12 November 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. It has been confirmed that SDC are the land owners, but it is the responsibility of the lessee. SDC is issuing an Order to the lessee which will require them to get the work done within 3 months. This response has taken 3 years!	SDC JB	12.10.23 8.10.26
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

