

## Minutes of the Corsham Railway Station Town Team meeting held on Friday 3 August 2018 at Hartham Park Study, Corsham

**Present** P Pearson (Chairman)  
Councillor S Abbott (Corsham Town Council)  
M Baker (MOD Corsham)  
A Cudlipp (Resident and Volunteer)  
P Johnson (Transwilts)  
R Murphy (Wiltshire Council)  
Councillor H Prickett (Wiltshire Council)  
Councillor Mrs A White (Corsham Town Council)

**In attendance** Mrs K Gilby (Planning and Events Officer)  
D Martin (Chief Executive, Corsham Town Council)

### **TT 37 Apologies**

Apologies were received from J Dorman (MOD Corsham), Councillor Mrs R Hopkinson (Corsham Town Council and Wiltshire Council), Councillor R Le-Var (Corsham Town Council), N Spreadbury-Clews (MOD Corsham), Councillor P Whalley (Wiltshire Council).

### **TT 38 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2018**

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

### **TT 39 Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

**ACTION:** P Pearson would contact Dan Okey after our meeting with Wiltshire Council.

**ACTION:** P Pearson had tried to contact Michelle Donelan MP on three separate occasions.

**ACTION:** P Pearson would contact Bridget Fox, of Better Transport, after our meeting with Wiltshire Council.

**ACTION:** P Pearson would send Councillor S Abbott a copy of Bridget's presentation.

### **TT 40 Stakeholder Meetings – Update on plans for a preliminary meeting with Wiltshire Council**

A holding response had been received from Baroness Scott (Leader of Wiltshire Council), she has asked Cllr Wayman and Cllr Prickett to arrange a meeting with the Town Team as soon as possible.

It is hoped that at the meeting with Wiltshire Council the process that the Town Team should use and key decision points could be agreed.

**ACTION:** Cllrs Wayman and Prickett to arrange the meeting as soon as possible.

**TT 41 Business Case and Economic Study – Update regarding including a Corsham study in Wiltshire Council’s plans**

The LEP is paying for the Swindon and Wiltshire Rail Strategy. It is hoped that the first output will be available by the end of September and be complete by March 2019.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund has money for projects. There is competition across the LEPs for funding.

Paul Johnson explained that Network Rail’s timescale is broken down into Control Periods which each cover five years. Control Period six begins in April 2019. Corsham should be looking to Control Period seven which is from 2024 onwards.

The Town Team needs data sets to make an economic case.

**ACTION:** D Martin to send P Johnson the brief for the Economic Case for comment.

**ACTION:** D Martin to ask D Phillips to send through details of the Chippenham Rail Survey.

Corsham Town Council could potentially use its portion of CIL funds to pay for any studies.

The Wilton Station Feasibility Report and the brief for it could be useful.

**ACTION:** R Murphy to send the study and brief to D Martin.

The stakeholder letter from SYSTRA/SLC Rail seeks to capture all rail aspirations.

**ACTION:** P Pearson to draft a response to SYSTRA’s consultation for Town Council approval.

It may be worth approaching the consultants (SLC and SYSTRA) separately to see if we can commission a piece of work for Corsham’s case.

**ACTION:** D Martin to contact SYSTRA to discuss further work to assist with the business case for Corsham.

The MOD Transport Plan is being reviewed and should be available by the end of the year.

**ACTION:** M Baker to forward the new MOD Transport Plan the Town Team as soon as it is available.

**TT 42 Atkins Report – Update on the release of the full Atkins Study**

The Town Team had received the Full Atkins Study, the confusion had been caused by the term ‘interim’. Wiltshire Council did not commission the final stage of the work as given the findings of the previous stages it would not have been a good use of public funds. SYSTRA already has the Atkins and SLC reports.

**TT 43 Department for Transport Meeting – Feedback on Wiltshire Council’s meeting with DfT**

David Phillips and Rob Murphy had met a number of DfT officials including Peter West. The meeting was an update meeting which covered a number of issues including the GWR Direct Award (2020-2022), the SWR timetable optimisation study and the Swindon-Southampton TransWilts proposal. Corsham was briefly discussed. The aim was to hold Wiltshire Council/DfT meetings on a more regular basis from now on.

**TT 44 Corsham Rail leaflet – Revised draft for discussion**

**ACTION:** K Gilby to add the word ‘potential’ when describing MOD growth. Include a short statement on the purpose of the leaflet.

**TT 45 Any other business**

There was none.

**TT 46 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

TBC