

Minutes of the Corsham Railway Station Town Team meeting held on Friday 8 February 2019 at Hartham Park Library, Corsham

Present P Pearson (Chairman)
Councillor S Abbott (Corsham Town Council)
M Baker (MOD Corsham)
A Cudlipp (Resident and Volunteer)
Councillor P Whalley (Wiltshire Council)

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

TT 47 Apologies

Apologies were received from J Dorman (MOD Corsham), Councillor R Hopkinson (Corsham Town Council and Wiltshire Council), Councillor R Le-Var (Corsham Town Council), R Murphy (Wiltshire Council), Councillor H Prickett (Wiltshire Council), G Sangster (Bath Spa University), L Simons (Corsham Institute) and Councillor A White (Corsham Town Council).

TT 48 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2018

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

TT 49 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

ACTION: P Pearson would contact Dan Okey at a later date.

ACTION: P Pearson had tried to contact Michelle Donelan MP.

TT 50 Membership and Terms of Reference

Membership of the Town Team was reviewed. One member of the public had expressed an interest in joining the Team.

Resolved: (i) that P Tapscott be invited to join the Town Team
(ii) that the Membership and Terms of Reference for the Town Team be approved.

ACTION: That P Tapscott be invited to join the Team. PP and DM to meet with P Tapscott to discuss his role.

TT 51 Summary of the meeting held with Wiltshire Council on 2 October 2018

DM and PP updated the rest of the Team on the positive meeting which had been held with Wiltshire Council on 2 October 2018. Key messages from the meeting were:

To keep a close eye on progress with the Local Plan.

Try to focus on how a station at Corsham would benefit the wider economy.

Support from the MP was important.

That it may be worth focussing on the economic and environmental cost of not having a station

TT 52 Rail Strategy Stakeholders' Workshop – Update on the Rail Strategy Stakeholders' Workshop held on 16 January 2019

DM and PP gave a summary of the Workshop held on 16 January 2019. Corsham was the largest group represented. Corsham Station was unlikely to be the top priority but could be in the top five. Timetabling was still very difficult. North Wiltshire has very few train stations, Corsham and Royal Wootton Bassett would seem the most suitable places to put new stations. The gross value added figure was not huge for Corsham but was bigger than some others. Thingley was also on the map as a potential station and it was important not to rule anything out at this stage. It was important to see the results of the Rail Study and subsequent Strategy.

TT 53 Next steps

ACTION: Engage with SLC – keep in contact – DM.

The study is due to be complete in March, this will then inform the development of the Wiltshire Transport Strategy.

The Team needs to remain engaged with the LEP's Integrated Transport Plan.

ACTION: Let SLC know about the Town Team and that we have a website – DM.

ACTION: Continue to lobby MP's to lend weight to our argument – PP.

ACTION: Arrange a follow up meeting with Parvis Khansari to discuss the way forward from the study – DM.

ACTION: Chase up slides from Stakeholders Workshop and feedback from working groups – DM.

TT 54 Any other business

There was none.

TT 55 Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBC once the Rail Study report has been issued.