

Minutes of the Corsham Railway Station Town Team meeting held on Friday 5 July 2019 in the Council Chamber at Corsham Town Hall

Present P Pearson (Resident and Volunteer)
Councillor S Abbott (Corsham Town Council)
M Donelan MP (Member of Parliament)
Councillor R Hopkinson (Corsham Town Council and Wiltshire Council)
L Eyles (Parliamentary Assistant)
D Phillips (Wiltshire Council)
G Sangster (Bath Spa University)
Councillor P Whalley (Wiltshire Council)
Councillor A White (Corsham Town Council).

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

TT 56 Apologies

Apologies were received from M Baker (MOD Corsham), A Cudlipp (Resident and Volunteer), P Johnson (TransWilts), R Murphy (Wiltshire Council), Councillor H Prickett (Wiltshire Council) and P Tapscott (Resident and Volunteer)

TT 57 Election of Chair

Councillor S Abbott was elected as Chair for the forthcoming year.

TT 58 Election of Vice-Chair

P Pearson was elected as Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year.

TT 59 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2019

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

TT 60 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

P Tapscott had joined the Town Team.

D Martin had spoken to Ian Baxter at SLC who would be happy to undertake work for the Town Team in the future.

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

TT 61 Rail Strategy Report

The Rail Strategy Report was discussed. It was felt that Corsham featured well. A final version of the Report would go to the SWLEP Board Meeting later this month. Wiltshire Council was in the process of updating its Local Transport Plan – there would be a consultation towards the end of the year. The Town Team were keen to get a solid commitment of support from Wiltshire Council.

ACTION: D Phillips to send the Sub-National Transport Bodies Corridor Priorities to DM when they are in the public domain. (DP)

ACTION: R Hopkinson and P Whalley to approach the new Cabinet Member for Transport at Wiltshire Council once they are appointed and seek support. (RH/PW)

ACTION: M Donelan MP to lobby Transport Minister. (MD)

ACTION: Joint letter from M Donelan MP and the Town Team to Mayors of Bath and Bristol and West of England. (MD)

ACTION: Talk to Royal Wootton Bassett regarding a GWR Connect. (DM)

ACTION: MP's office to share their contact details for John Mortimer. (MD)

ACTION: Express an interest in a bid for funds from the Customer and Community Fund. (DM/SA)

ACTION: Talk to SLC about a feasibility study for a stopping service at Corsham. (DM)

ACTION: D Martin to contact P Khansari about refining the brief. (DM)

TT 62 Meeting with Wiltshire Council's Transport Team

It was decided not to pursue a meeting with Wiltshire Council's Transport Team at this time.

TT 63 Talks with Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council

ACTION: D Martin to visit Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to discuss a future partnership and identify who the best person to speak to at Swindon would be. (DM)

TT 64 Website

Whether to keep a separate website or integrate the pages for the Railway Station into the Town Council's website was discussed. It was decided to keep a stand-alone website for the Railway Station to reflect that it is not just a Town Council initiative.

ACTION: Contact M Head to arrange the transfer of the website. (DM/KG)

TT 65 Any other business

ACTION: D Phillips to find out who from Wiltshire Council will attend the SWLEP meeting on 23 July.

TT 66 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Friday 2 August 3pm at Corsham Town Hall.