

Minutes of the Corsham Railway Station Town Team meeting held on Friday 2 August 2019 in the Council Chamber at Corsham Town Hall

- Present** Councillor S Abbott (Corsham Town Council)
Councillor R Hopkinson (Corsham Town Council and Wiltshire Council)
P Tapscott (Resident and Volunteer)
- In attendance** Mrs K Gilby (Planning and Events Officer, Corsham Town Council)
D Martin (Chief Executive, Corsham Town Council)

TT 67 Apologies

Apologies were received from M Baker (MOD Corsham), J Dorman (MOD Corsham), R Murphy (Wiltshire Council), P Pearson (Resident and Volunteer), D Phillips (Wiltshire Council), Councillor H Prickett (Wiltshire Council), Councillor P Whalley (Wiltshire Council) and Councillor A White (Corsham Town Council).

TT 68 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2019

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

TT 69 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

There were none.

TT 70 Rail Strategy Report - Update on Actions from the last meeting

Information on the Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body (STB) had been provided by R Murphy, please find below the relevant link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/joint-ventures/western-gateway-sub-national-transport-body/>. Information on the strategic corridors is included in the Regional Evidence Base section towards the bottom of the page.

Councillors R Hopkinson and P Whalley would approach Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member B Wayman and hoped to meet in mid-to-late August. **ACTION:** R Hopkinson to send through any notes of the meeting.

M Donelan MP was going to lobby the Transport Minister and write to a letter to Mayors of Bath and Bristol and West of England. **ACTION:** M Donelan MP to update the Town Team on progress with these actions.

D Martin had met with Royal Wootton Bassett and agreed to meet again in the autumn once the outcome of the Rail Strategy was known. Royal Wootton Bassett would speak to Swindon Borough Council.

D Martin had enquired whether the Town Team could bid for funds from the Customer and Communities Improvement Fund. Unfortunately, the Town Team cannot as the fund could not be used towards new stations.

Plans to get in touch with SLC regarding a feasibility study and P Kansari to refine the brief were on hold.

D Martin and S Abbott had met with Paddy Bradley and Ian Durston from the SWLEP. The SWLEP had met on 24 July and the Rail Strategy had been approved. The SWLEP was now working on a Local Industrial Strategy which it hoped to launch at the end of October. The SWLEP was moving its offices into Corsham Digital Mansion this month. R Hopkinson and S Abbott were due to attend a meeting about the Industrial Strategy.

D Martin and K Gilby had been in touch with M Head regarding the transfer of the website.

P Taspcott had attended the Melksham Rail User Group and would attend their next meeting in November.

TT 71 Any other business

Corsham Civic Society had set up a Corsham Station Friends Group and P Whalley had expressed an interest in joining the Town Team. **ACTION:** S Abbott to contact Cllr J Maloney, then D Martin to contact the Civic Society to ask if to suggest a representative to join the Town Team.

ACTION: D Martin to speak to the SWLEP in November about their implementation programme and the proposed meeting of the GWR Connect Group.

TT 72 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.