

Minutes of the Corsham Railway Station Town Team meeting held on Friday 25 September via MS Teams

Present

- Councillor S Abbott (Chair - Corsham Town Council)
- Councillor R Hopkinson (Corsham Town Council and Wiltshire Council)
- Councillor A White (Corsham Town Council)
- P Johnson (TransWilts)
- D Phillips (Wiltshire Council)
- Councillor H Prickett (Wiltshire Council)
- P Tapscott (Resident and Volunteer)
- A Van Poeteren (Bath Spa University)
- 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 73 Apologies

Apologies were received from M Baker (MOD Corsham), A Cudlipp (Resident and Volunteer), J Dorman (MOD Corsham), R Murphy (Wiltshire Council), P Pearson (Resident and Volunteer), J Strachan (Bath Spa University) and P Whalley (Resident and Volunteer).

TT 74 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2019

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

TT 75 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

Councillors R Hopkinson and P Whalley had met with Wiltshire Councillor B Wayman and P Khansari and would provide a brief update from the meeting.

ACTION: K Gilby to circulate the update to the group.

TT 76 Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund - Update

Wiltshire Council had submitted a bid to the Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund which was sent to the Department for Transport on Friday 19 June via Michelle Donelan MP. A decision was expected in the next few weeks.

If successful it would provide up to 75% funding up to £50,000 towards a study to produce a Strategic Outline Business Case. The study would take about six months to complete. It would not guarantee funding of any subsequent steps. There was a three-stage process - Strategic Outline Business Case, Outline Business Case and then a Business Case. Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council and Corsham Town Council had each agreed to fund up to £10,000 towards the cost of the study.

The Corsham Study undertaken a few years ago was still being used to provide information. Corsham Town Council still has funds available from this.

Due to the Climate Emergency the electrification of the line to Bath was being re-considered. There is a risk that electrification could come first and not at the same time as any work on Corsham Station thus negating the cost saving of them being concurrent.

It would be important to make the community case for a Corsham Station.

ACTION: K Gilby to ask M Donelan MP if she knows when a decision will be made on the submission to the Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund.

It would be beneficial to build connections with Bath and North East Somerset at this stage.

TT 77 Any other business

None.

TT 78 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be arranged as soon as possible after the announcement regarding the outcome of the funding bid.