

Future Oswestry Meeting

Notes of meeting held **14th April 2022 at 10.30am** via TEAMS

Attending: Oswestry Town Council: Councillor Mike Isherwood & Councillor Duncan Kerr, Shropshire Council: Councillor Rob Macey & Steve Charmley, Oswestry BID: Adele Nightingale & Ian Follington,
Community Representatives: Peter Lloyd & Craig Marston
Officers: Ffion Horton, Andy Wigley, Samantha Jones, Joe Bubb, Rose Dovey, Steve Law (SC)

Alice Jennison & Andrew Watkin (WSP) joined the call for agenda item 4

Welcome and apologies

Apologies from Hayley Owen (SC), Arren Roberts (OTC), Andy Morris (SC)

1. Notes of the last meeting

Notes of the previous meeting held 10/3/22 were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Update from Property and Development Team

Steve Law provided a verbal update on current work relating to key sites. Currently in discussion with OTC re assets including youth centre at Oak Street and land adjacent to the Leisure centre. SL provided update on work to explore options for consolidation of space within Castleview.

Actions:

SL to bring update on options for Castleview to FOG

SL to ask PSG to provide update on timescales for scaffolding and work at Cambrian building.

Opportunity for Ophthalmic services and involvement of RJAH to be followed up.

Previously Agreed: Festival Square options to be considered at a future FOG meeting.

4. Transport and connectivity update

Update from WSP on the proposed Oswestry Future Connectivity Plan. AW to send a copy of the presentation which will be used as part of the briefing to Members later today. The results of the Masterplan Consultation, HSHAZ designs for public realm improvements, Cultural Audit study and ongoing Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) discussions will need to feed into the Connectivity Plan. Discussed cycling connectivity which will be addressed within the draft LCWIP plans, which will be sent out to stakeholders involved in the discussions over the coming weeks.

Action: RD to send Draft LCWIP to FOG

5. Police and Crime Commissioning Support

Opportunity raised by IF following funding awarded to T&W Council.

Action: DK to look into opportunity

6. Communications and Engagement Plan

Action: Update to be circulated via email by AM.

7. Updates on Priority Projects

a) Indicative masterplan and movement / access strategy

Results of the Masterplan consultation to be analysed. Current work from transport and LCWIP discussions will feed into the development of any next steps. Meeting for FOG to discuss and plan next steps and stakeholder event to be arranged.

Action: JB to arrange a date.

b) High Street Heritage Action Zone

Work to the alley ways is underway. Capital works programme committed for this financial year. **Action:** Cultural Audit study to be discussed at FOG or possibly as a separate meeting.

Historic England looking to invite Assistant Director to site visit in Oswestry.

Board thanked Sam for her hard work.

c) Transport and connectivity Update

Update provided as agenda 4.

Action: Brown signs – FH to raise with Transport colleagues regarding options to change the brown sign on Shrewsbury Road.

Discussed the new 30mph sign to New Street - the installation is the result of the 20mph zone.

Action: FH to pick up with the Transport Assessment regarding option for 20mph zone to include these areas.

Previous discussions had included physical interventions by George Pub and New Street around Bailey Head.

Action: AN to send details to FH to consider zoning and interventions that could be fed into the Transport Assessment

d) Wayfinding including signage for the industrial estate.

Foliage has been trimmed. All signs are being installed within the business park.

LED lighting to be installed on signs.

e) Review of the Taxi Provision

Update provided, working group to be set up.

Action: MI to be FOG representative on the working group.

Consultation to start in June on disabled access vehicle.

f) Co-working space pilot at the Memorial Hall

Invitation to the launch has been sent to FOG and to the MP.

g) Opportunities for roundabouts

Planting on the Morrisons roundabout has commenced. Morrisons looking to adopt roundabout.

h) Capital Infrastructure Projects

Discussions regarding connectivity to link the Innovation Park to the town and into the planned housing developments at Mile End are being picked up in discussions with LCWIP and planning officers.

Action: JB to enquire if there is any window of opportunity to influence bridge and ramp design.

8. Future and Priority topics and projects

Development of FOG action plan – discussed at 7a)

9. Governance

Agenda item to be kept on the agenda - review to be undertaken following the consultation and include arrangements for future engagement activities.

10. Any Other Business

MI to contact Highways Maintenance regarding drainage.

Timing of lights on Beatrice Street had been raised by MI with Traffic Team This is has now been picked up.

Suggestion about wrapping hogs on Church Street for the Jubilee.

Action: Update on Restore your Railway bid to be added to the agenda.

Could an approach be made to private owners of alleyway by the Regal?

Action: Ownership to be established SJ/AN

11. Date of next meeting and agenda items

Thursday 19th May at 10.00am