

FUTURE OSWESTRY

Notes of meeting of 5th November 2025 held online.

Attendees: Cllr Duncan Kerr, Cllr Grace Goodlad, Adele Nightingale, Cllr Rob Wilson, Cllr James Owen, Arren Roberts, Graham Mitchell, Lindsey Pierce, Seb Slater, Claire Evans, Helen Ball, Joe Bubb

Apologies: Judy Bourne

1. Minutes of FOG meeting 17/9/25

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising to be covered within the agenda.

2. Declarations of interest

RW declared himself as a member of the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan Partnership, however he is attending today as a FOG member.

3. Presentation on Shrewsbury Movement Strategy

SS from Shrewsbury BID provided an introduction to the Shrewsbury Moves, highlighting its purpose and specific Shrewsbury challenges it sets out to address. Lessons learnt include that movement should be looked at from the start and be embedded into Shropshire Council Strategies. Since its inception, the Shrewsbury Moves brand has gained momentum, and funding has been secured to deliver key projects identified.

Suggested first steps would be to identify key Oswestry challenges and key objectives potentially through a workshop.

Discussed the Shrewsbury Big Town Plan which is co-funded by the three partner organisations and has an independent Chair.

Action: Challenges to be on the agenda for the next FOG meeting.

4. Bus Station Review

Letter to be drafted to Bus Operator from FOG (action carried over).

Site Visit to Bus Station by AN, JB and Zoe Mortimer. An action list has been prepared and circulated to FOG members for information.

Richard Davies has confirmed that the consultation is still in its draft stage. However, would be happy to provide an update to the next meeting.

AN has received a quote for painting of railings and canopies, and from Oswestry in Bloom for maintaining two smaller beds at entrance to the bus station off Beatrice Street. Quote on jet washing still awaited.

Preferred location of planters will need to be discussed prior to seeking permissions.

Access to toilet facilities at Cambrian Railway Building to be raised again with Shropshire Council Estates team.

5. Date of next Meeting 4th December 2025 at Oswestry Guildhall

- Challenges to be discussed
- Focus on highways with invite to Simon D'Vali as a future link into FOG.
- Bus Station Review with updates from Richard Davies and Zoe Mortimer
- Updates from Partner Organisations
- Governance and MOU