

## Future Oswestry Group

Notes of Meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 9:30am-11:30am at Oswestry Guildhall

Partners	Oswestry Town Council (OTC)	Shropshire Council (SC)	Oswestry BID	Community Representative
<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	Cllr Olly Rose Cllr Duncan Kerr	Cllr Rob Macy Cllr Mark Jones Joe Bubb Sam Jones Andy Wigley Steve Law Apologies: Cllr Chris Schofield	Adele Nightingale	Grum Mitchell
<b>1. Notes of the last meeting</b>	Notes of meeting held 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed.			
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b>	None			
<b>3. Project priorities</b>	<p>Discussion on the priorities for FOG:</p> <p>FOG to act as a catalyst for regeneration of the town and add value to partner's activities.</p> <p>FOG partners to support projects being led by partners e.g. Llywd Mansion, Regal,</p> <p>Keeping people updated e.g. English Walls toilets, The Cross etc. – this can be addressed under the Comms agenda item to agree comms and lead.</p> <p>Agreed to prioritise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regal</li> <li>• Cambrian Gateway</li> <li>• Short term activity – tidy up bus station</li> </ul>			
<b>4. Governance</b>	<p><i>Matters Arising: Final draft of Memorandum of Understanding was circulated to member organisations for final checking and sign off.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> MOU accepted – to be checked and signed off by partner organisations</p>			
<b>5. Update from Shropshire Council's Property and Development Team</b>	<p><i>Matters Arising: JB put Qube in contact with the SC Property and Development Team.</i></p> <p>Update from Steve Law:</p> <p>Cambrian Railway Building - Work progressing. Conservation Management Plan has been produced and recommendations will be shared with key stakeholders. Application for funding for re-use is being explored.</p> <p>Castle View / Castle Court - Prospective tenant for part of the Wilco site. Progressing rationalisation of Council sites.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> AR to speak to SL re potential for acquisition of sites.</p>			
<b>6. Update from Oswestry Town Council</b>	<p>Update from Arren Roberts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Llywd Mansion - Funding application to NHLF is being prepared.</li> <li>• The Centre - OTC in receipt of the keys.</li> <li>• Breathing New Life Into Empty Buildings - OTC approved 3 grants to properties.</li> <li>• Oswestry Indoor Market- Work on indoor market progressing.</li> <li>• Bus Service - OTC has agreed to extend free bus service on Saturdays. New bus shelters installed on Blackgate Street and Willow Street.</li> </ul>			

	<p>OTC and BID are working on the Food and Drink Festival.</p> <p>Funding for extension of CCTV coverage agreed.</p>
<b>7. Update from BID</b>	<p>Additional funding received for Street Rangers.</p> <p>Pub Watch to be established.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Purchase order to deliver planters to be actioned FH.</p>
<b>8. Update from Shropshire Council</b>	<p><i>Matters arising:</i></p> <p><i>AN to follow up 20mph markings and loading only on Cross Street</i></p> <p><i>JB shared details on A boards with officers</i></p> <p><i>AR and AN agreed that subject to SC permission, OTC and BID would look to remove the long stay sign in the Range car park.</i></p> <p>Update from Joe Bubb:</p> <p>JB shared key points on A board policy. Colleagues in Street Works would welcome assistance from OTC/BID to identify or contact businesses using A boards that are causing an obstruction, and pass on details to Street Works / Highways.</p> <p>Railway link to Gobowen – letter of support sent from Shropshire Council to Ministers. MP is looking to set up a presentation with Ministers.</p> <p>Oswestry Innovation Park – work is progressing on the construction of the site roads.</p> <p>Update from Sam Jones</p> <p><i>Matters Arising: SJ has spoken with Conservation Officer on historic properties identified as being in a state of disrepair, and SC Enforcement Team on inappropriate shopfront design and finishing.</i></p> <p>HSHAZ legacy projects – Activities held through the summer holidays including the Artefact Exhibition.</p> <p>Love Oswestry 25 being planned.</p> <p>Shopfront Design Guide – draft produced as part of the HSHAZ scheme. The target is to take it to Council in November prior to consultation.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> SJ to chase up clock.</p> <p>Bollards on Clawdd Du to be installed.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> RM to contact Andy Wilde to confirm date.</p> <p>Presentation from Ffion Horton</p> <p>LCWIP town centre feasibility has been completed which provides indicative costed options. Agreed that application to Active Travel be considered for designs for Oswald Road / Cross Street option.</p> <p>Discussed extension of 20mph area. This could be discussed at Community Meeting organised by OTC.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> AR to speak to FH.</p> <p>Discussion on moving traffic offences.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Further discussion needed.</p>

	<p>SC exploring potential to trial traffic monitoring equipment Teleraam.</p> <p>Residents parking update needed.</p> <p>Action: RM to contact Mark Barrow for update.</p> <p>Greenways – improvements planned for crossing and community spaces.</p> <p>School Streets – sign to be changed.</p> <p><i>Matters arising: Update circulated on the Woodside project from School Streets team.</i></p>
<b>9. Update from Comms</b>	<p><a href="#">24 schools awarded share of £30,000 to encourage cycling, walking and scooting - Shropshire Council Newsroom</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mile End Bridge in Oswestry nears completion - Shropshire Council Newsroom</a></p> <p><a href="#">Schools Streets pilot starts at five primary schools - Shropshire Council Newsroom</a></p> <p><a href="#">School Streets pilot to begin at five schools next month - Shropshire Council Newsroom</a></p> <p><a href="#">People invited to share memories of Oswestry's Cambrian Railway building - Shropshire Council Newsroom</a></p> <p><a href="#">Work to restore Cambrian Railway Building in Oswestry goes out to tender - Shropshire Council Newsroom</a></p> <p>Highlighted need for partners to keep people updated e.g. English Walls toilets, The Cross etc.</p>
<b>9. Engagement</b>	<p>Opportunities for engagement include:</p> <p>Transport Community Meeting could be used to highlight extension of the 20mph suggestion.</p> <p>Design Guide consultation</p>
<b>10. Date of next meeting and agenda items</b>	<p>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am</p> <p>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</p>