

Notes of meeting of 4th December 2025

Attendees: Cllr Duncan Kerr, Judy Bourne, Adele Nightingale, Cllr Rob Wilson, Cllr James Owen, Arren Roberts, Graham Mitchell, Joe Bubb,

Apologies: Cllr Grace Goodlad

RW welcomed Simon D' Vali, Zoe Mortimer, and Richard Davies from Shropshire Council in attendance to discuss transport and transportation matters.

1. Minutes of FOG meeting 5/11/25

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters arising to be covered within the agenda.

2. Declarations of interest

NONE

3. Bus Station Review

Update on Bus Shelters: RD confirmed that new shelters have been commissioned. Installation is pending scheduling, likely early February, subject to contractor availability. Real-time information boards and new display systems will be included at the bus station.

Coordination of wider works with the work to the bus shelters and boards will be undertaken by the group to minimise disruption and maximise impact.

Discussed new welcome sign and potential to include details of how to report problems and the terms and conditions of the use of the bus station.

Actions:

- Timescale for installation to be shared by RD with FOG.
- ZM to get dates from contractor and seek quotes for deep clean of the bus station.
- ZM to chase upgrade on lighting upgrade.
- Locations of planters and bins to be finalised and permissions sought, including agreement for emptying bins.
- JB to check location for the interactive sign and whether it could include additional information.

Bus Service Consultation: Consultation planned for potentially February 2026, with draft materials to be shared with FOG in January for feedback.

Purpose: To gather public views on 18 county-wide bus services, focusing on route suitability, timings, and potential improvements. This feedback will help direct future funding. Engagement with youth groups and other stakeholders to ensure diverse input to be considered.

Suggestions were made by FOG members on potential route extensions and interest expressed in Community Transport options.

Citymapper App Launch is scheduled for early 2026, providing live bus tracking and timetables county-wide.

Actions:

- Query re whether Section 106 contributions include funding provisions for public transport. RD to check.
- Meetings with Youth Forum (Town Council) and Pub Watch group (BID) could be arranged.

4. Traffic Management

SDV provided an update on his role and current ongoing work on traffic management improvements and enforcement issues, including a review of poor signage and faded lines. And that work on the Parking Review, including the Residents Parking Permit Policy, is in its early stages.

Discussed the promotion of Mi Permit app to increase potential dwell time.

Actions:

ZM to speak to AR re communications on scam QR codes.

5. Movement Strategy

Action:

Movement Strategy discussion to be deferred to the new year. SDV to be invited.

6. Updates from Partners

The BID is moving to the Memorial Hall.

The Valuation Office Agency review on Rateable Value of commercial properties will be shared by the BID following analysis of data.

Llwyd Mansion is progressing well.

7. Future Meetings

Next FOG meeting on Thursday 15th January at 9.30am at Oswestry Guildhall.

Future discussions to include Movement Strategy and involvement of third sector in Vision and FOG priorities.

Meetings to be held every two months going forwards.