

Future Oswestry Meeting

Key actions of meeting held on 8th October 2020 at 3pm via Zoom

Notes	Detail	
Attendees	Cllr Chris Schofield, OTC, Cllr Steve Charmley, SC, Cllr Sandy Best, OTC, Cllr Robert Macey, SC, Adele Nightingale, BID, Arren Roberts, OTC, Joe Bubb, SC, Sarah Jones, SC, Hayley Owen, SC, Julie Ruler, SC, Andy Wigley, SC, Arren Roberts, OTC, Steve Brown, SC, Andy Morris, SC	
Apologies	Ian Follington, BID	
Declarations of Interest	None received	
Priority Projects		Action
Proposed review of Town Centre Bus Service	Separate meeting to be set up for FOG to discuss the process to review the town centre bus service	Andy Evans,
Governance FOG Partnership Agreement	<p>Revisions to the current Terms of Reference for the Future Oswestry Group have been updated to incorporate the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) governance and shared with FOG members. This requires sign off by the Future Oswestry Members.</p> <p>Decisions: FOG members agreed to changes to Partnership including the set up of the HSHAZ Project Board. AR to take Partnership Agreement to OTC for scrutiny and sign off on 21/10/2020. AN to take changes to BID Board for sign off. Changes have been agreed internally by SC.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>AN</p>
High Streets Heritage Action Zone	<p>HSHAZ Project Board to be set up with one elected representative from each group on the Board.</p> <p>Decisions: Representations on Board were agreed as Cllr Sandy Best OTC, Ian Follington BID and Cllr Robert Macey SC. OTC to consider for approval of OTC contributions to HSHAZ programme and process (as set out within the Partnership Agreement) on 21/10/2020. HSHAZ grants guidance has been shared and agreed by FOG members. This will be used to launch the grants in November.</p> <p>Historic England (HE) has set criteria for declaration of interest and has a set referral process to be followed. Samantha Jones, HSHAZ project Officer starting in post on 19th October. Cultural Consortium meetings are ongoing with interested groups and organisations.</p>	

<p>Town Centre / Economic Recovery Updates</p>	<p>Traffic Regulation Orders Meeting has been arranged to discuss Baileys Head. Cones along Church Street have been changed. New bollards are working much better. Looking into changes in guidance that could allow use of funding for temporary measures such as planters. No formal objections received for TRO relating to Beatrice Street. Actions: Steve B to email formally OTC to remove planters outside of the George Pub. Steve B to raise with team members regarding re-painting of loading bay lines, suggested 20mph signs for Church Street along one way stretch, work programme for double yellow lines at Mile End, planters along Church Street.</p>	<p>Steve Brown to pick up and respond.</p>
<p>Wayfinding</p>	<p>Footfall counters recording average 9000 visitors per day. Data and comparisons will be useful to consider current and changes to use of car parks, footfall and dwell time. High Street survey planned for 14th October by Place Plan Officers to be supported by AN. Action: AN to send latest visitors report Steve C to check ownership of the verge for sign</p>	<p>AN Cllr S C</p>
<p>Indicative masterplan and movement / access strategy</p>	<p>The online survey will be open for four weeks with 'listening' workshops held with key stakeholders proposed for 22nd October. The comments received will feed into the vision which will be tested and reviewed in the new year. Opportunities to engage through Marches School will be explored. The Town Council has identified £7.5k remaining within their account originally provided by Shropshire Council for the townscape review work. It was proposed that this amount be used for additional work on the master planning work. Decision: Agreed that the £7,500 be used for additional engagement and promotional costs by Future Oswestry members.</p>	
<p>Communications and Engagement Plan</p>	<p>Communications Plan in development. Action: AR asked for OTC contribution to be acknowledged within HSHAZ publicity. Use of signs / plaques for businesses in receipt of HSHAZ grants to be explored.</p>	<p>AW</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>The recent comment in local press re the Park and Ride had been taken out of context – there is no proposal for Park and Ride in Oswestry. A follow up article should clarify this.</p>	

	<p>The help of Zoe Mortimer regarding Square One's proposed improvements was acknowledged. Prior to Covid, work had been undertaken to consider access and exit to Central Car Park.</p> <p>Actions: SC and OTC to consider exit from Central car park onto highway. Outdoor requirements of businesses to be discussed in separate discussion outside of this meeting. Mile End Services Cllr Steve C to raise with Estates Taxi Space AN to speak to the Tankard. Proposed passage way improvements have been raised with Paul Beard and Cllr Lezley Picton. The improvements could form part of the HSHAZ public realm activities. Meeting to be arranged.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>AN Cllr SC AN</p> <p>AR</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Meeting to be arranged in November.</p>	<p>JB</p>