

## Future Oswestry Group

Notes of Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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 Duncan Kerr Cllr Olly Rose Apologies: Arren Roberts	Cllr Rob Macey Cllr Chris Schofield Andy Wigley, Sam Jones, Joe Bubb Apologies: Steve Law	Adele Nightingale Graeme Kirkham	Grum Mitchell
<b>1. Notes of the last meeting</b>	Notes of meeting 18/12/24 agreed			
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b>	None			
<b>3. Matters arising (not covered under the following agenda items)</b>	<p>Presentation on Depave Demonstrator project to be postponed. SWT officer has now left the organisation. Related matter arising: JB and AN to discuss with SWT opportunities for greening up verges.</p> <p>Next FOG meeting scheduled for Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March to be postponed (election period) however officers to meet to progress any outstanding items.</p>			
<b>4. Project priorities</b>	<p>Updates on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regal</li> </ul> <p>Discussed putting together a pack to approach other cinema operators.</p> <p>Action AN to discuss with AR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cambrian Gateway</li> <li>Short term activity – tidy up bus station</li> </ul> <p>Action:</p> <p>Responsibility of vegetation around the Range tbc.</p> <p>CS &amp; RM to discuss with Portfolio Holder re management of the bus station by partners.</p>			
<b>5. Governance</b>	MOU sign off on hold until after the local election.			
<b>6. Update from Shropshire Council's Property and Development Team</b>	Visit still to be arranged to Castle Court.			
<b>7. Update from Oswestry Town Council</b>	<p>Update from Sam Jones re Llywd Mansion: Grant application for Development Phase has been submitted prior to formal appraisal.</p> <p>The suggested Skatepark by the leisure centre will be under discussion at the next OTC meeting.</p>			
<b>8. Update from BID</b>	<p>Update from Adele Nightingale: BID to co-sponsor Food and Drink Festival. BID has introduced new training courses available to businesses.</p> <p>Review of footfall data to be undertaken.</p> <p>Exploring with businesses of provision of bin store at rear of Boots.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Potential locations for remaining planters to be shared. Permissions to be sought.</p>			
<b>9. Update from Shropshire Council</b>	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Sam is in contact with Highline re the clock.</p> <p>RM will raise the matter with the Chief Executive regarding the bollards on Clawdd Du.</p> <p>Update on Greenways scheme</p> <p><b>Public Realm work</b></p>			

	<p>Work has started on site. New benches, seating, cycle racks have been ordered and new signs for entrances and skatepark have been designed and ordered.</p> <p>Oswestry in Bloom is liaising with the contractor on what plants are needed and where.</p> <p><b>Consultation</b></p> <p>Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) consultation is underway for the zebra crossing on Unicorn Road and also amendments to parking restrictions at the island opposite the church and school. The immediate neighbours to the Unicorn Road zebra crossing have been notified that work will be happening during Feb and March with hand delivered letters.</p> <p>A meeting took place a couple of weeks ago, with the contractor and the school who want to work with the school children on some social value elements of the project – bird boxes and bug hotels</p> <p><b>Crossings</b></p> <p>The contractor will install the zebra crossing at Unicorn Road and will then improve the road markings for the implied crossing on Cabin Lane – at the same time they will update the lining around the Cabin Lane Island outside the school and the church and refresh the zig zag schooling at Harlech Close and outside the school.</p> <p><b>Lighting</b></p> <p>The contractor will also install new lighting columns and upgrade the appearance of the existing columns. The new columns will all be solar powered and the brightness will change depending on movement.</p> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>Estimates costings are now in from contractors with the project expected to come in on budget. The whole project was fully funded from UKSPF funding, with spend to be completed by end of March 2025.</p>
<b>10. Update on Comms</b>	<p><a href="https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2025/01/oswestry-shop-front-design-guide-consultation-drop-in-event/">https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2025/01/oswestry-shop-front-design-guide-consultation-drop-in-event/</a></p> <p><a href="https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2024/12/important-repairs-underway-at-cambrian-station-building/">https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2024/12/important-repairs-underway-at-cambrian-station-building/</a></p> <p>Further communications planned for Cambrian Railway Building.</p>
<b>9. Engagement</b>	<p>Matters arising: AN to promote Design Guide to agents and landlords.</p> <p>Shop front design guide is closing later this month. Feedback received will be reviewed and included within the report going to Shropshire Council Cabinet meeting in early March.</p>
<b>10. Date of next meeting and agenda items</b>	<p>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30am to be confirmed</p>