Future Oswestry Meeting

Key actions of meeting held on 25th November 2020 at 2pm 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, Corrie Davies, SC, Andy Wigley, SC, Steve Brown, SC Sam Jones, SC, Simon Cranmer, OTC	
Apologies	lan Follington, BID	
Declarations of Interest	None received	
Priority Projects		Action
Proposed review of Town Centre Bus Service	Separate meeting arranged for 16 th December to discuss the process to review the town centre bus service. Discussed invitation of operators and possible commercial advantage. Joe to check with Andy Evans.	JB
Governance FOG Partnership Agreement	Partnership Agreement has been signed off by partners. Final version to be produced and circulated.	JB
High Streets Heritage Action Zone	Sam Jones, HSHAZ Project Officer provided a full update on HSHAZ work. Grants officially launched with a number of applications already received. Sam to keep the group informed and utilise the HSHAZ board which has been set up and will meet in December.	SamJ
Town Centre / Economic Recovery Updates	Steve Brown reported back that the IIG had agreed £40k for Oswestry transport assessment. Steve noted that they would be in touch with Sarah to ensure links to wider masterplanning work as a number of points had been raised in the master planning workshop. WSP will be undertaking this work and there will be an opportunity to work jointly with the Future Oswestry partners. It was important that the parameters to the work were considered carefully and that they ensure best outcomes to the work. Steve to keep group informed. Steve suggested that the current Traffic Regulation measures need to be kept going and be considered as part of the transport overview to inform decisions. Steve and Adele had liaised on Mile Oak – now no problems with parking and the businesses were delighted with the outcome. Adele noted Zoe had been great at supporting. Clawdd Ddu- Arren thanked Steve for the removal of the planter. Consent needed for their electrician to undertake work. Steve Brown would pick up.	SB
Wayfinding	Latest visitors report and footfall has been shared.	SB
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	Adele referenced signage at Maes y Clawdd and concern over highways regulations. Adele has a meeting	AN
	with SC organized.	
Indicative	Sarah Jones provided an update on master planning	
masterplan and	work – including key stakeholder consultation	
movement /	undertaken, online survey responses and engagement	
access strategy	with the Marches School. Three breakout sessions were	
0,	undertaken with year 7, year 10 and year 2.	
	Further engagement with FOG group and key	
	stakeholder group would be carried out to consider key	
	points emerging from the findings and workshops to	
	date.	
Capital	Joe Bubb provided an update with regard to the activities	
Infrastructure	planned and proposed at Mile End which forms part of	
works	the Council's long-term ambitions for the Oswestry	
	Growth Corridor integrated with the development of the	
	town centre.	
	The capital infrastructure proposals at Mile End	
	incorporates:	
	Mile End Road Improvements Proposed Footh ridge correct the A.F.	
	Proposed Footbridge across the A5 Footbig across the A5 Footb	
	Enabling works for the Oswestry Innovation Park The Planting Application for the good improvements at	
	The Planning Application for the road improvements at	
	Mile End was approved by Shropshire Council in June 2020. The works currently being undertaken onsite are	
	limited to ecological mitigation, alongside archaeological	
	investigation, which are related to the planned road	
	improvements. The main road works are due to	
	commence in the New Year following site establishment	
	from early December.	
	The bid to the Marches LEP for Growth Deal 3 monies	
	was successful aimed to support the improvements to the	
	strategic road network and to support the development of	
	allocated employment land at the Oswestry Innovation	
	Park site. The LEP funding has supported the preparation	
	of an addendum to the approved planning application for	
	the road improvements to include the proposed	
	footbridge.	
	OTC noted formal responses on planning portal – a	JB/SarahJ
	response will be provided.	JD/Saranj
	The LEP funding has also supported design fees for the	
	development of the Oswestry Innovation Park. A planning	
	application is currently in preparation for the proposed Oswestry Innovation Park	
	Public consultation due to begin for 6 weeks. BID to	Andy
	promote and suggest promotion via Oswestry Life.	Morris
	The work on the business park to undertake infrastructure	
	work is dependent on the road improvements and can	
	start in earnest once the road improvements are	
	completed, which are scheduled for completion by	
	summer 2022.	

	Issue re lorry parking and any temporary options. Contractors compound will be on the OIP site so potentially unsuitable. Hayley noted need to look at options.	НО
	Hayley highlighted need to prepare pipeline schemes that are shovel ready for possible future funding opportunities including LEP. Officer meeting to be	JB
	arranged to consider project ideas and feasibility work required. Likely that projects would need to be Capital based, include match, employment creation and jobs created. Also need to consider HSHAZ projects such as flagship opportunities and public realm. Master planning work will highlight ideas.	
	Housing development on the Sustainable Urban Extension – developers are on board for the SUE development and are in contact with Planners. Interest remains in the open space site to the north of the leisure centre suggested for skateboard park and BID's suggested green loops.	
Communications and Engagement Plan	Communication Plan in development by Andy Morris. FOG Comms protocol to include HSHAZ requirements. Awaiting confirmation of the HE branding. OTC Mayor to be quoted on FOG press releases. Contribution of OTC with OTC logo to be acknowledged in grants awarded / schemes supported as part of the HSHAZ programme.	AM SamJ
AOB	Central car park –OTC talking with the police about designated protection order in relation to anti-social behaviour activity. Square one – talking to SC about weatherproofing and more permanent agreement. Taxi space outside tankard – Adele provided an update.	AR AN
	IT infrastructure- Hayley to pick up with Chris Taylor and organize a meeting. Adele noted it would be great if Patrick Evans could be present with particular issues on the Fort Site. Joe raised possible invitation to Andrea Fox who is the new Visitor Economy Officer to a future FOG meeting.	НО
Date of next meeting	Future Oswestry meeting to discuss Business Service Review on 16 th December. FOG Meeting to be arranged in January	JB