

Notes from the Stratford Society/Business Improvement District

Transport & Parking Group Meeting

10am Wednesday 6 October 2011

Present: Elizabeth Dixon (AS), Jenny Fradgley (STC, SDC), Chris Gregory (Stratforward), Ian Heggie (SS, Chair), Keith Lloyd (STC), Martyn Luscombe (Stratford Voice), Kate Rolfe (WCC), Robin Sankey (SS), Pat Whitehouse (Retailers).

The Chairman welcomed Keith Lloyd representing Stratford upon Avon Town Council.

1. **Apologies:** Neil Basnett (Stratforward), Roger Bennett (WCC), Roger Davies (SS), Yvette Widdowfield (SDC).
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** were agreed.
3. **Matters arising** were covered in the Agenda.
4. **Lucy's Mill update:** ML reported that Lloyd Beesley (LB) had met an engineer from WCC to discuss the bridge who in principle agreed with the proposals as long as it did not involve purchase of private land (*it does not*). LB must now make as many 'locals' aware of the plans, via forums and residents associations and a presentation to the Town Council planning committee, who meet next on 18 October. It is hoped that a feasibility study – hopefully financed using a Town Trust grant and community contributions -- can then be prepared with support from Sustrans and WCC.
5. **Systems Thinking Project:** IH said the previously circulated comparison cost papers were for information. YW will present the suggested car park tariffs to her managers and if approved will be considered by other officers and eventually councillors. It is intended that:
 - all car park will have similar charges
 - there will be some name changes
 - the evening tariff will commence at 5pm
 - provision of a 72 hour tariff
 - information about car park locations and their charges is available from as many sources as possible
 - to eventually have updated electronic signage on the town approach
6. **STC Residents Parking:** JF and KR will start a survey in Old Town next week. Consideration to help over parking should be given for residents' permits as Shakespeare Street, a maximum of 2 permits per household being preferable to 3 at present, vehicle owners to be on the electoral roll too in addition to it being registered to the address. Could this be included in the next STC Talk of the Town?
7. **WCC P+R and Bus Station studies:** CG unsure why Windsor St car park should be the preferred site. Agreed, as a bus station is not likely to happen for some time (if at all) this is an opportunity to improve what happens now. Concern expressed about Wood Street being a 'bus car park' around end of school times. This could affect businesses so CG will speak to WCC about 'bus' rules and regulations. Why don't bus routes go via Guild Street as happens during the mop; KL to explore. The objective in both locations is to keep the pavements clear for pedestrians. The Southern P+R feasibility study showed that for every £1 invested, it would only generate 26 pence in benefits. Public funds would therefore not be available and

section 106 funds would have to be used. In the foreseeable future, the only southern P+R will be at the Waitrose site and the performance of this should be monitored to see how it performs.

8. **AOB:** **KR** asked why the UK roundabouts have so many chevrons – assumption it is 'regulations' and perhaps there may be a change when new legislation commences. **IH** referred to the Ambassador Scheme re-starting, as circulated, on 16 November. **ED** reported drivers with deliveries were using blue badge bays, Sheep Street at Waterside as a loading bay. A driver told her that he was dropping off at The Encore and parking in Sheep Street saved him going round the gyratory to get to the loading bay in Waterside. ED to inform YW. **ED** reported a SDC licence had been given, in Henley Street at Cooks Alley, to sell lemonade. This location is not appropriate due to the space available as it already has 2 phone kiosks the entrance to Bards Walk and a drop kerb for Henley Street. During the summer months Town Hosts have to keep 'street entertainment' clear of this area as the drop kerb becomes blocked with other being located by Barclays Bank or the Library. The Birthplace Trust had objected to a site nearer them for the licensee. ED to contact SDC Licensing.

Next Meeting: 10am, Friday 25 November at the Town Hall – please note date change if you were not at the above meeting.