

## **Future Oswestry Meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2020 at 2pm**

**Oswestry Town Council Guildhall, Oswestry**

### **Meeting Notes**

#### **1. Welcome**

Attendance Cllr Steve Charmley (Shropshire Council), Cllr Sandy Best (Town Council), Joe Bubb, Hayley Owen, Sarah Jones and Julie Ruler (SC Economic Growth) Adele Nightingale (BID,) Ian Follington (BID), Arren Roberts (OTC) Cllr Rob Macey (SC) and Andy Wigley (S.C).

Cllr Charmley introduced Sarah Jones who is working with Joe Bubb to complete some of Oswestry's projects.

#### **2. Apologies**

Cllr Chris Schofield (Town Council)

#### **3. Notes of the last meeting**

Matters arising and key actions from the last meeting

Cllr Charmley to attend next Council meeting – Attended OTC meeting on 29/1/20

HO Had a meeting on site with Eurogarages Director who agreed that the whole site needs attention. Concern was raised re state of Travelodge site this has been passed to Estates to check terms of lease. Cllr Charmley is meeting with Director of Travelodge and will raise concerns. Both to be on agenda for further discussion.

HO Gateway to Mile End – Concept Tree Sculpture to be considered for Tear Drop following planning application.

HO business rates reported 71 businesses are receiving rate relief.

#### **4. Declarations of interest None**

#### **5. HAZ**

Historic England- HAZ

- Project Update Andy Wigley
- Historic England Regional Director and Urban Design champion to visit 12.3.20 Discussed all available members to meet at Guildhall at 10.30 am for tour and buffet lunch followed by FOG meeting. Apologies Julie Ruler and Cllr Charmley.
- Project Overview provided by Andy Wigley and draft fact sheet provided to group. The key messages were that until the offer letter arrives with Shropshire Council the project plan must not be discussed outside the group. There is a press and media embargo instructed by Historic England until the project funding has been approved.

- Community Engagement Plan for future agenda

- Indicative masterplan and movement / access strategy – This was discussed and will be picked up Sarah Jones who is preparing a shortlist of applicants for a tender briefing. **Action** AR to obtain approval and amount of OTC contribution prior to appointment.
- Transit Summary- JB reported draft plan had come back and needs further work- **Action**/JB to speak to consultant and share final draft.

## 6. Any other business

- Cllr Steve Charmley reported he is working with Highways to discuss changes to priorities on Bailey Head and Blue Badge use.
- Oswestry Landlord meeting is booked for Tues 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 @ 3.pm
- Night Bus sponsored by BID was reported as a success 157 used the service and a report to BID has been provided to BID **Action** AN to forward a copy to SJ
- Mile Oak management plan – **Action** AN to forward email to Cllr SC to progress rather than waiting until June
- Booking Red SQ **Action** AN to forward dates to JR to assist in booking
- Feedback given by AR re recent NABMA meeting- He is keen to look at Oswestry Market to consider pop up stalls and business trials **Action** AR to contact Emma at Growth hub and WIRE. Also reported that concentration given to High Street living and cycle parking NABMA have set up a Town Centre Task Force.

## 7. Date of next meetings

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 2pm Guildhall

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10.30 am Guildhall**

9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 2pm Guildhall

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 2pm Guildhall**

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 2pm Guildhall

Please note changes