

**Minutes of the Corsham Railway Station Town Team meeting
held on Friday 4 November 2022 via MS Teams**

Present

Councillor S Abbott (Chair - Corsham Town Council)
Councillor H Belcher (Corsham Town Council and Wiltshire Council)
Councillor A Crockford (Corsham Town Council)
A Cudlipp (Resident and Volunteer)
A Davidson (Office Manager and Parliamentary Assistant for Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP)
P Deaves (GWR)
Rt Hon M Donelan (MP)
M Haywood (Network Rail)
Councillor R Hopkinson (Corsham Town Council and Wiltshire Council)
C Johnson (Resident and Corsham Civic Society Rep)
R Murphy (Wiltshire Council)
C Nuttall (Atkins)
P Pearson (Resident and Volunteer)
D Phillips (Wiltshire Council)
P Tapscott (Resident and Volunteer)
J Taylor (Atkins)
A Tucker (Atkins)
Councillor G Ward (Corsham Town Council)
P Whalley (Resident and Volunteer)
Councillor A White (Corsham Town Council)

In attendance

Mrs K Gilby (Finance and Planning Officer, Corsham Town Council)
D Martin (Chief Executive, Corsham Town Council)

TT 115 Apologies

Apologies had been received from M Baker (MOD Corsham).

TT 116 Welcome and Introductions

S Abbott welcomed everyone to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.

TT 117 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 August 2022

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

TT 118 Matters Arising from the above Minutes

The level of response to the survey had been high and so it had been decided not to extend the deadline.
The change request had been actioned.

TT 119 Finalising the SOBC for Submission

A Tucker from Atkins gave a short presentation on the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC). Network Rail felt that the SOBC was strong. They did highlight that the preferred option was reliant on a service which is not currently

funded. They also felt that going forward there would need to be further clarity on land value and acquisition. AT acknowledged that the current estimated scheme costs are conservative. The rationale and language used regarding the London service was queried. It was explained that a specific model (MOIRA) was used to work out the benefits or disbenefits of stopping a certain service. It was possible that the language used could be softened. It was also suggested that passive provision be made for a ten-car service.

GWR was also pleased with the SOBC.

Atkins explained that some of the comments from Network Rail and GWR would need to be addressed at the next stage – MH agreed with this approach. Atkins was on track to deliver the SOBC by the deadline of 11 November. It was confirmed that the cost of the lifts had been included. See attached slides for further detail.

Agreed: to approve the SOBC for submission to the DfT.

TT 120 Further Community Engagement

R Murphy gave a short presentation which summarised the previous community engagement and explained that stakeholders had been contacted again for letters of support (slides attached). Michelle Donelan MP was contacting other MP's.

To date eight letters of support had been received, these would be submitted alongside the SOBC. Network Rail and GWR confirmed that they were happy to be contacted for letters of support. **ACTION:** R Murphy to request letters of support.

TT 121 Any other business

It was mentioned that if the SOBC was not successful that there may be other avenues to pursue for funding.

TT 122 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be confirmed once a likely announcement date from DfT was known.