

Future Oswestry – 7th November 2019 2.00pm
Oswestry Town Council, Council Chamber

Attendees:

Cllr Steve Charmley (Shropshire Council), Arren Roberts (OTC), Hayley Owen and Julie Ruler (SC Economic Growth) Cllr Chris Schofield (OTC), Adele Nightingale (BID), Ian Follington (BID), Cllr Sandy Best,(OTC), Joe Bubb (SC), Andy Wigley(SC), Jez Bretherton (Historic England), Gillian Roberts (Historic England).

Apologies: Matt Potts (SC), Cllr Robert Macey (Shropshire Council),

1. Overview of HAZ provided by JB (HE)



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2. Overview of what HAZ will offer Oswestry by (AW)



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Andy Wigley (SC), Jez Bretherton (HE), Gillian Roberts (HE) Left the meeting

3. Welcome and introductions provided by Cllr Steve Charmley

4. Declarations of interest

Cllr Steve Charmley asked that any declarations of interest be noted during the meeting. None declared.

5. Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Matters arising:

- WIFI – Adele fed back on issues identified within the town and business park, which will be fed back to Chris Taylor. Action AN.
- Masterplan- Draft brief to be circulated prior to next meeting. It was highlighted that existing and emerging plans will need to be considered as part of the brief. Discussed development of stakeholder / working groups to support the HAZ and proposed master planning activities.
- SC reported that he had made contact with Severn Partnership regarding the virtual tour of Oswestry.

- Forum for Agents- next meeting 10/12/19 suggested that BID contact owners in Oswestry to invite them. Action AN.
- Business contact form developed JR to act as SC contact for new business enquires. Form to be issued by BID. Contact form could be added to website once trialled.
- Traffic Survey- Completed findings will be summarised and sent to JB
- Cambrian Toilets- JR reported that these will not be available due to repairs requires and other issues with the building.
- Areas Above Shops- JR reported that SC rates cannot provide information without clear address information. Suggested use of Property Gazetteer Action JR to investigate.

Other matters arising to be picked up through agenda items

6. Priority Projects

Festival Square

Halloween event on Saturday 26th October –BID Adele Nightingale reported that this was cancelled due to poor weather.

Traffic Order Review

Discussions on the proposed review are ongoing

Empty Properties and Business Support

Oswestry's initial High Street survey work has been completed, and the BID will be looking at surveying space above shops to support work being undertaken by JR.

7. Communications Protocol and PR update

Discussed appropriate media coverage during the election period. General press release to be drafted covering the HAZ workshop, business contact form and meeting with agents to be prepared.

8. Any other business

AN (BID) reported that they had commissioned a video to promote Shop Local that will be used in 2020 to promote the town.

Event on 26/11/12 to be held to promote the work being undertaken by FOG and invite wider partners to form the HAZ Cultural Consortium. Action JR to investigate venue and distribute invites with AW

9. Date of next meetings

5th of December 2pm

9th of January 2020 2pm