

**World Class Stratford  
Community Forum  
Inaugural meeting**

**Venue: Stratford-on-Avon District Council Chamber  
Date: Thursday 14 December 2006  
Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Prof. Ronnie Mulryne  
Ms Jill Hayward  
Mr Rob Busiakiewicz  
Ms Jenny Drabble**

**Mr Roger Pringle  
Mr Ludo Keston  
Mr Richard Eggington  
Cllr George Atkinson  
Ms Joanne Humber  
Mr Ian Prosser  
Ms Elizabeth Dixon  
Mr Kevin Gildea  
Ms Jo Butler  
Mr John Worboys  
Cllr Vince Seaman  
Mr Tim Raistrick  
Mr David Curtis**

**Chair  
Stratford College  
Local Young People King Edward VI School  
Local Young People Stratford Girls Grammar  
School  
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust  
Royal Shakespeare Company  
Stratford Town Trust  
Warwickshire County Council  
Stratford Town Management Partnership  
Stratford Society  
Access Advisor  
Stratford Voice  
South Warwickshire Tourism  
Stratford Hospitality Association  
Stratford-on-Avon District Council  
Holy Trinity Church  
Orchestra of the Swan**

**Also in attendance:**

**Mr Anthony Benson  
Ms Shona Williams  
Mr James Lascelles  
Mr Paul Ogden  
Ms Val Harris  
Mr Tim Berwick**

**Urban Practitioners  
Land Use Consultants  
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Stratford-on-Avon District Council  
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**Apologies:**

**Mr Joe Harvey  
Mr Tim Starkey  
Mr David Williams  
Cllr Bill Lowe  
Ms Kate McLuskie  
Ms Elizabeth Cole**

**Stratford Sports and Social Club  
Local Young People Stratford High School  
Secondary Education Stratford High School  
Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council  
Shakespeare Institute  
Senior Citizens Action Network**

1	Prof. Ronnie Mulryne (RM) welcomed the members and attending consultants
2	Anthony Benson (AB) gave a presentation on the draft Urban Design Framework for Stratford Upon Avon currently undergoing public consultation from 12 December 2006 to 2 February 2007.
3	Questions on clarification were put to AB by forum members for his responses.

4	The forum divided into three discussion groups to concentrate on the over-all framework document, it's three proposals for Stratford's Bridgeway area and other identified potential development areas
5	<p>The discussion groups' views were then shared and discussed with AB</p> <p>A selection of findings were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for stronger pedestrian connection to Bridge Street</li> <li>• Support for new/improved hotel, but likelihood questioned</li> <li>• Questioned whether coach parking could be relocated to Cattle Market</li> <li>• Highlighted the need to address provision for theatre and town centre parking on Bridgeway</li> <li>• Any new venue should incorporate a conference facility</li> <li>• Concern that a new Leisure Centre must be located near the centre of town</li> <li>• Preference for road layout in Option C</li> <li>• Some concern about the impact of the two-way traffic layout on pedestrian environment</li> <li>• Visitor centre should be not be a high priority</li> </ul> <p>RM proposed that the Community Forum hold a further meeting with Urban Practitioners to concentrate on the Urban Design Framework within the consultation period. It was agreed that this would be held on 24 January 2007</p>
6	A presentation was given by Shona Williams (SW) from Land Use Consultants giving details of the Final Masterplan for the Bancroft gardens and Recreation Ground: currently undergoing public consultation from 30 November 2006 to 12 January 2007
7	Questions were put to SW, which were followed by a round-table discussion.
8	<p>Paul Ogden provided an update on the current position of the pedestrian/cycle bridge proposal for Stratford.</p> <p>He reported that the Warwickshire County Council had considered the results of recent consultation work and resolved to progress some detailed work on the proposed bridge. This would enable answers to be provided to the various concerns raised through the recent consultation exercise.</p> <p>Further consultation work is anticipated before any firm commitment is made to the proposal.</p>
	<p><b>Next meeting:</b> Venue: The Council Chamber, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6pm on Thursday 24 January 2007</p>