

STONE TOWN COUNCIL

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A meeting of the **TOURISM & TOWN PROMOTION SUB COMMITTEE** will be held in **St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on TUESDAY 1 MAY 2018 at 7.05 pm** or on the rising of the Planning Committee, if later.

I trust you will be able to attend.

Les Trigg
Town Clerk

Councillors: I. Fordham (Chair), Mrs J. Hood (Vice Chair), P. Leason, Mrs K. Green, Mrs J. Piggott, M. Williamson and Mrs C. Collier.

Co-opted: Mr J Heal

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations Received**
3. **Representations from Members of the Public**

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation

4. **Train Service Update**

To receive a letter from West Midlands Trains Ltd in response to the question previously raised by the Sub-Committee (Minute Number: TTP/028) – attached.

To receive a letter from Network Rail in response to the question previously raised by the Estates Sub-Committee (Minute Number: EST18/024) – attached.

To receive an update from Mr Heal

5. **Stone Town Centre Development Strategy**

To receive a report from the Chairman of the Sub-Committee and working groups:

- Town Centre Appearance and Environment Working Group
- Town Centre Events and Attractions Working Group
- 'Town Centre Partnership'

6. **Update from Working Groups**

- Commemoration to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 in 2018

Please note that other working group reports are considered under item 5

Will any Councillors who wish to speak at this meeting, but are not members of the Sub-Committee, please inform the Chairman before the start of the meeting

Members of the public are welcomed to attend the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee Meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of this scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and are also available from the Town Council.

22nd January 2018

Mr Les Trigg
Town Clerk
Stone Town Council
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Dear Mr Trigg,

Thank you for your letter concerning proposed changes to West Midlands Trains' services between Staffordshire and the capital.

From December 2018 we will be providing rail users across the county with three direct services to London as well as a host of extra journey opportunities.

Starting with the current Crewe- Stoke- Euston service, from December this will run direct between Crewe and Stafford. This will allow us to run longer trains (more carriages) to meet growing demand. Unfortunately, the track layout, signalling and platform lengths via Stoke -on-Trent prevent us from running via this route with more than the existing four carriages.

We will still be providing a direct service from the Potteries to London. From December 2018 we are introducing a Crewe-Stoke- Birmingham – Euston service. In addition to keeping a direct service to the capital, the train will also call at Birmingham International, giving the Potteries a direct service to the airport.

For those who want a quicker journey, while still benefitting from London Northwestern Railway's low fares, we will be providing a connecting service at Stafford. These connections will be between 5-15 minutes in each direction.

On the matter of fare prices, season tickets and 'anytime' tickets are regulated by the Department for Transport. These prices are reviewed once per year and adjusted in line with Government policy. Our cheaper, promotional, fares are monitored and set by West Midlands Trains according to demand.

As part of the changes planned for December Staffordshire rail users will also benefit from a new Liverpool – Birmingham – Euston service calling at Stafford and a new Rugeley Trent Valley – Birmingham- Euston service via Walsall. Both services will also call at Birmingham International.

In order to operate new services, all train companies have to make their bids for timetable slots next month. Once the relevant industry processes have been completed, we hope to have confirmation of the December timetable in late June / early July.

I hope this provides you with the information you were seeking. If I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Jan Chaudhry van-der Velde
Managing Director

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24 January 2018

Dear Mr Triggs,

Thank you for your letter to David Biggs dated 17 January 2018, regarding the sale of our Commercial Estate business. I have been asked to respond on his behalf with respect to the sale of our commercial estate portfolio, as the transaction is being handled by my department.

I can advise that Station Approach near Stone station and the access road will not be affected by the sale of the Commercial Estate business.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Kirkwood".

Stuart Kirkwood
Director, Development
Network Rail Property