Report for Town Welfare Sub-Committee

Date:

SEPTEMBER 2020

5 key points to note:

- 1. Network Rail have now appointed a sponsor to progress the lease contract for station building. Meetings scheduled with Cllr Okey, sponsor, WMR & Network Rail.
- 2. Planning permission has been submitted for both outdoor gym & new junior play area for Riverlands
- 3 Stage 1 of Heritage Trail has now been submitted to full council for approval and to seek agreement to go to production
- 4. Planting has been completed on Prince Harry Carpark, assisted by Community Pay Back Team and volunteer Sue Bird
- 5. Undergraduate from Birmingham University to work with Cllr Okey for 70 hours work on Heritage Trail & Station transformation. First meeting scheduled for 21st September. Plan for a report on how railway can work more closely to meet our business needs
- 6. Meeting scheduled for end of month with Bee Friendly Trust Foundation and Community Rail Partnership. To finalise plans for Shakespeare Garden and to explore grant opportunities

Financial transactions this month:

<u>Plants & bulbs for Prince Harry and key areas around town</u>
<u>Amt to be confirmed (all within budget agreed at last meeting</u>

Actions for next month:

- 1. Continue lease agreements with Network Rail re station building
- 2. <u>Commence preliminary work for grant application for station building & Shakespeare Garden</u>
- 3. Commence with stage 1 of Heritage Trail & begin stage 2
- 4. Work with Undergraduate to produce first report bus v rail
- 5. Progress planning application for outdoor gym & playground