

Report to Kenilworth Town Council

Projects Working Group

23rd February 2023

1. IS Group, the wayfinding contractors, are moving ahead at pace to implement the project. Meetings have been held every two weeks with the contractors, members of the Projects Working Group and the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to monitor progress. At present the project is on schedule to be completed by the end of March
2. Planning applications have been submitted for all the sites for signs and visitor information points required in phase one. The Clerk is liaising with WDC to expedite approvals so that the project can be completed on time.
3. A meeting was held on 16th February with the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Julia Singleton-Tasker from the Community Rail Partnership and a representative of West Midland Trains / London Northwestern Railway to finalise approvals for the monolith and finger post at the station. It is anticipated that all approvals, including landlord's consent from Network Rail, will be delivered in time for completion. However if there is a delay to these sites while approvals are awaited IS Group has confirmed they can deliver these at a later date at no extra cost. Julia from the Community Rail Partnership has been very helpful in facilitating this part of the project.
4. Cllr Alix Dearing has been working intensively with local historians and James Turner from Black Spiral to develop the narrative texts for the visitor information points. The texts are almost ready at the time of writing. This is a good example of joint working between community experts and elected members with professional consultancy inputs to deliver the project.
5. Members are asked to consider what might be an appropriate way of marking the completion of this project and thanking all those who have contributed, bearing in mind the elections on 4th May and the resulting changes to the Council.

Cllr James Kennedy
Chair
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