

MINUTES OF FREIGHT SEMINAR MEETING

Held on Monday 17th March 2008, County Hall, Newport

PRESENT

Morris Barton – Chamber of Commerce

Nigel Bennett – H. J. Bennett Ltd

Chris Brammall – IoW Economic Partnership

Kevin Burton – Isle of Wight Council

Steve Burton – Bardon Vectis

Richard Carter – Richard Carter Ready Mixed Concrete

Dawn Cooper – Isle of Wight Council

Sarah Drackford – Red Funnel

CLLR Charlie Hancock – Isle of Wight Council

George Jenkins – George Jenkins Transport

Mike Lightbown – M. P. Lightbown & Son

Marc Morgan – Huws – Southern Vectis

Rachel Mills – Isle of Wight Council

John Packer – Moreys

Simon Richardson – Hampshire Constabulary

Steve Sansom – P D Port Services

Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council

Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council

Brenda Wilkins – I.W. Group of Advanced Motorists

1. WELCOME & REVIEW OF THE MORNING

Chris Wells (CW) explained that he would be chairing the meeting as Ian Boyd had been called away on urgent business. CW welcomed the group and introduced the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting, 22nd January 2008, were agreed.

3. FEEDBACK FROM TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSHOP

Dawn Cooper (DC) gave details of the Island Plan consultation. Nine workshops had been hosted and transport was a cross cutting theme. The workshops were well attended and over 300 comments had been received. The idea of an infrastructure tariff had received a mixed response. The group felt that the tax would discourage new investment and that possible second homeowners on the Island should be taxed. Specific land allocations were being considered and further information could be found on www.iwight.com/planning/policy

4. ACTION PLAN

CW explained that an action plan had been put together using the issues and opportunities identified during the mapping exercise at the previous meeting. The list was set out by location / areas and would take account of deliverability and availability of funding. It would be updated to include issues raised at subsequent meetings. It was felt that the action plan should be more than just a “wish list” and could include minor maintenance issues as well as major schemes.

5. RESULTS FROM BUSINESS & DRIVER SURVEYS

CW informed the group that only five Driver’s Surveys and four Business Surveys had been returned, and as a result the closing date had been extended until May,

6. KEY ISSUES DISCUSSIONS

The prospect of an additional ferry port on the Island was discussed, Cllr Hancock informed the group that several private investors had expressed an interest and that proposals were being examined for two sites on the north east of the Island. The group were concerned particularly regarding the location if the Ryde House site was chosen due to its position within the built environment. It was felt that the surrounding road network would require upgrading and the impact of additional residential development would need to be considered.

CW explained that the Undercliff Drive scheme would not be going ahead and that consideration would now be given to upgrading the alternative inland route and a bid for funding would be submitted to the Regional Funding Allocation.

The group were concerned regarding the maintenance of the Islands roads, in particular potholes, width of carriageway and hedge and tree cutting.

Action: The Secretary to ensure that a representative from the Isle of Wight Council’s Maintenance Section is invited to future meeting, to comment on the issues and give an update on the PFI.

The group was split into three workshops please refer to the attached document for further details.

7. DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20th May 2008 at 9.30am at Calbourne Room, Havenstreet Steam Railway, Isle of Wight