

## MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
At Quay Arts Centre, Newport

**PRESENT:** Steve Porter – Chairman  
Jenny Boor – Hovertravel  
David Bottom – Chamber of Commerce  
Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council  
Tony Dickinson - Island Line  
Stuart Love – Isle of Wight Council (Attended for first part of meeting)  
Marc Morgan Huws – Southern Vectis  
Andy Morris – Isle of Wight Council  
Janice Rounsevell – Isle of Wight Taxi Proprietors Association  
Steve Sansom – PD Port Services  
Ian Schaff – Isle of Wight Council (Attended for latter part of meeting)  
Margaret Steggles – Cycle Wight  
John Steggles – Cycle Wight  
Don Vincent – Isle of Wight Bus Users Group  
Hugh Walding – Isle of Wight Friends of the Earth  
Ron Wallis – IOW Motorcycle Club T.S  
Cllr Ward – Isle of Wight Council (Attended for first part of meeting)  
Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council  
Brenda Wilkins – Isle of Wight Group of Advanced Motorists

### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Brown – Isle of Wight Council  
Trish Collins – British Horse Society  
Laurence Keynes – Isle of Wight Council  
Stephen Matthews – Isle of Wight Council  
Ian Middleton – Isle of Wight Council  
Andy Naylor – Island Line  
Jack Richards – Community Rail Partnership  
Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council

### 2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the 27 July 2006 were agreed, subject to the following amendments: Brenda Wilkins had sent her apologies for the last meeting. Item 5, line 7 should read, “The IW Steam Railway had been co-opted on to the Community Rail Partnership (CRP)”

### 3. **CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE**

Steve Porter (SP) reported recent CRP AGM at Havenstreet Station and exciting plans to regenerate Sandown Station to include community facilities, healthy hub, café, cycle hire etc. SP voiced himself pleased with recent and ongoing bus improvements – notably, timetable quality and apparent increase in passenger numbers carried. SP informed the meeting that he had been invited to attend the ongoing ferry / ports review staged by the Council and tabled a letter from Councillor Melanie Swan inviting comments on the Education Review (a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting) He asked that members reply either to him, or preferably directly to Councillor Swan. Tony Dickinson (TD) was pleased to announce that South West Trains had been selected to run the local rail franchise (including Island Line) for another 10 years. Ashley Curzon (AC) was able to inform the group of the recent decision to approve development / regeneration proposals in East Cowes. Councillor Ward informed the group that discount travel had been brokered with Wightlink for Island students travelling to Brockenhurst College.

### 4. **P D PORT SERVICES**

(Agenda Item 5 was brought forward) Steve Sansom from PD Port Services outlined the history and current use of the PD wharf site off Arctic Road Cowes. It was apparent that the site is not affected by harbour silting and with modern shallower draught boats can currently continue with “levelling” rather than dredging. The tonnage handled has not declined significantly over the last ten years and like other hauliers it handles more incoming goods than outgoing. The site had potential for expansion and

positive discussions were ongoing regarding the use of the site for handling materials associated with potential PFI roads maintenance bid.

## 5. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

AC gave an update on the development of the LDF - Island Plan and brief presentation on the first Area Action Plan for the Bay area - Sandown, Shanklin and Lake. Issues identified included: "tired" tourism offer, and need to consider public realm and design. Transport into and around the area was important, notably coach and car parking, signing, cycle and pedestrian routes, plus links to bus and rail and role of airports – Sandown and Bembridge. There was a desire and need to see things happen on the ground and it was recognised that the Council had the opportunity to use the SPA site as a catalyst for inward investment. SP had been involved in considerations and the ongoing input of QTP was welcomed.

The discussion then touched on the broader issues of design and the proliferation of signs and markings. Janice Rounsevell raised her concerns regarding the advisory "20s Plenty" signing, in particular those set within the 40mph limit at Whippingham, where it was felt that the potential for accidents had increased where some motorists are now braking suddenly to drop below 20mph.

## 6. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE

Chris Wells (CW) had contacted colleagues in Environmental Health (EH) regarding issues raised at earlier meetings of this group. He was able to give some information regarding liaison meetings and distributed copies of a recent Newsletter produced by the Council, which was intended to help improve communication. It was agreed that he would forward questions raised and would ask that these be dealt with by an Officer from EH. Following some discussion the following questions were agreed.

1. Can the number of regulations be cut down?
2. Can the taxi and private hire regulations be combined?
3. To what degree is customer choice taken into consideration when seeking to improve the use of Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles?
4. Bearing in mind the important role that taxis play in filling the transport gap is EH the most appropriate body to oversee the development of taxis.

**Action:** Members to email any additional questions to CW or SP by 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action:** CW to liaise with SP and EH, with a view to establishing a meeting to discuss questions.

## 7. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MAP

Asked at the last meeting to investigate options CW distributed a draft map, which had been prepared for discussion. Andy Morris (AM) explained that he was already looking at a similar publication for buses. It was hoped that this could be expanded to show the additional information required. Marc Morgan Huws agreed to pay contribution to map, which it was felt should include local transport information for bus, rail, taxi, main cycle and walking routes, cycle hire and contacts for traveline and others.

**Action:** CW to liaise with AM and move issue forward.

## 8. RYDE INTERCHANGE

Ian Schaff (IS) gave a brief update. Planning approval secured. Final detailed (working) designs completed, plans in place for phasing, including relocation of taxis and buses during work. Geophysical surveys completed and Geotechnical surveys due to start including 6 x 20m boreholes across the site.

## 9. QTP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was agreed as follows: Date: 30 November 2006. Location: QTP Theatre. Time: 16:30 - QTP Meeting, 17:30 Start of AGM (Open to public) Speaker: Nick Farthing SUSTRANS (National sustainable transport group actively involved in supporting safe routes to schools, walking, public transport and cycling schemes)

## 10. DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

As above, subsequent meetings to be confirmed.