

## MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
At Quay Arts Centre, Newport

**PRESENT:** Steve Porter – Chairman  
Roger Barnard – Isle of Wight Older Voices  
David Blake – Federation of Small Business  
Gillian Burnett – Isle of Wight Tourism  
Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council  
Val Lawson - Cycle Wight  
Andy Mintram – Red Funnel  
Marc Morgan Huws – Southern Vectis  
Andy Morris – Isle of Wight Council  
Jack Richards – Community Rail Partnership  
Ian Schaff – Isle of Wight Council  
Don Vincent – Isle of Wight Bus Users Group  
Hugh Walding – Isle of Wight Friends of the Earth  
Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council  
Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council  
Brenda Wilkins – Isle of Wight Group of Advanced Motorists

### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Norman Arnold – Federation of Small Business	Nigel Smith – Isle of Wight Tourism
Cllr Brown – Isle of Wight Council	John Steggles – Cycle Wight
Trish Collins – British Horse Society	Margaret Steggles – Cycle Wight
Loretta Dea – Hovertravel	Ron Wallis – IoW Motorcycle Club Training
Stephen Matthews – Isle of Wight Council	Cllr Ward – Isle of Wight Council
Andy Naylor – Island Line	

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

The minutes from the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were agreed.

### 3. **SOUTHERN VECTIS, SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS**

Marc Morgan Huws (MMH) gave a very detailed presentation regarding the operations of Southern Vectis. The presentation included an outline of the Go Ahead business, the network improvements on the Island, the frequency improvements of many routes, the new routes which would be introduced and the improved focus on customer services.

Apparently concerns had been raised by residents regarding bus route 22, in particular the size and suitability of the buses operating on the route. MMH informed the group that a double decker bus actually had a smaller foot print than some single decker buses, and that the bus in question was used both in the mornings and afternoons for school transport. In the past Southern Vectis had received complaints from residents about a lack of service and that the 22 route had good passenger figures.

Don Vincent thanked MMH for a very informative presentation and felt that the improvements were a very positive step forward for bus travel on the Island.

### 4. **TRANSPORT MAPS & TIMETABLES**

Andy Morris (AM) explained that the Isle of Wight Council were in the process of producing a comprehensive public transport timetable. The Isle of Wight Public Transport Handbook would be the first edition of a publication that would be issued three times a year, January, April and October to coincide with the principal timetables changes of the bus, ferry and train operators. The handbook would contain service information for the Island and mainland links. 70,000 handbooks would be produced, with 50,000 being delivered to all Island households via the Beacon. The handbook would include a customer feedback form as a means of collecting reader's views and opinions.

Val Lawson (VL) suggested that instead of a separate document being produced a folder could be design in which a copy of all the existing timetables could be slotted into. The group felt that there may be issues with compiling the folder, that the folder may be difficult to distribute and that Wightbus do not have a separate timetable.

AM also informed the group that the Isle of Wight Council were in the process of designing a Transport Map for the Island. The map would depict bus, train and ferry routes as well as long distance footpaths and principal cycling routes. 100,000 copies of the map would be produced, and distributed to Tourist Information Centres, Help Centres and Council Offices.

#### **5. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) UPDATE**

Chris Wells (CW) provided an update on the LTP and the Delivery Report. The Delivery Report was submitted at the end of July 2006 and looked back over the past five years at how successful the Council had been at implementing the strategies and achieving the targets laid out in LTP1.

CW explained that LTP2 had recently been printed, and that it had been produced in a folder to allow for future amendments, particularly in line with the emerging Local Development Framework (Island Plan).

LTP2 was based around the seven key objectives of the Local Government Association including accessibility and tackling congestion. As a means of achieving these objectives six action plans would be produced. These were; Access to Newport, Carisbrooke Park Estate, Freight, Mainland Healthcare, Island Healthcare, Mobility Impaired. Carisbrooke Park Estate was the first area to be addressed, with the implementation of park and stride sites, traffic calming measures, reduced speed zone and improved footpaths. As part of the scheme a Travel Options leaflet had been produced, copies were circulated, and additional copies could be requested from the QTP Secretary.

Once again CW expressed his thanks for the valuable contributions the QTP had made to the development of LTP2. The Plan was thought to be 'good' by the Department of Transport and with a score of 'excellent' for consultation and partnership working had received additional reward funding (3% per annum).

#### **6. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

Steve Porter (SP) informed the group that he had written to both Wightlink and South West Trains regarding the works being carried out by Network Rail between Fratton and Portsmouth Harbour. A reply had not been received from South West Trains. The reply from Wightlink was relayed to the group. The works between Fratton and Portsmouth Harbour were extended to December 2007, and a number of members voiced the difficulties they had experienced due to the works. A number of members also explained that they had missed connections on the Island between the ferry and the train. It was suggested that a meeting should be held between Wightlink and South West Trains, with the long term aim of establishing a forum.

**ACTION:** SP would write to Network Rail.

SP informed the group that Janice Rounsevell had written to him resigning from the Isle of Wight Taxi Proprietors Association and in turn the QTP.

**ACTION:** SP to write to Janice Rounsevell.

#### **7. FREIGHT FORUM**

SP informed the group that a Freight Forum would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007, at the Riverside Centre at 9:30. The meeting would include presentations on the Ports Inquiry, Long Term Vision for the Isle of Wight and Strategic Routes Management. Further details would be circulated by the QTP Secretary.

#### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ashley Curzon provided an update on the Local Development Framework and the Area Action Plans. The Core Strategy had been prepared but following discussions with Government Office, it was felt that the plan required further detail regarding its environmental impact and as a result would require further work before proceeding to a public enquiry.

Two Area Action Plans were under development, Sandown Bay and Medina Valley, however the plans could not be finalised until the Core Strategy was approved. AC explained that other local authorities were in similar situations and that in the meantime the Unitary Development Plan would remain as the Council's planning policy document.

#### **9. DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in the Seminar Room, Quay Arts Centre.