

MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on Wednesday 9th September 2009 at Quay Arts Centre, Newport

PRESENT

David Bottom – Chair	Loretta Lale - Hovertravel
Roger Barnard – IW Older Voices	Lisa Scovell – Isle of Wight Council
Morris Barton – Chamber of Commerce	Don Vincent – IW Bus Users Group
David Blake – Federation of Small Business	Hugh Walding – IW Friends of the Earth
Stuart George – IW Bus Users Group	Chris Wells - Isle of Wight Council
Edward Giles CC – Isle of Wight Council	Charlotte Westwood – QTP Secretary
Peter Hayward – Isle of Wight Council	

1. APOLOGIES

Patricia Collins – British Horse Society	Andy Morris – Isle of Wight Council
Ashley Curzon - Isle of Wight Council	Marc Morgan Huws – Southern Vectis
Susan Cracknell – Isle of Wight Council	Ron Wallis – IW Motorcycle Rider Training
Steve Porter – Steve Porter Transport	Ian Winn - Wightlink
John Metcalf – Isle of Wight Council	Brenda Wilkins – IW Group of Advanced Motorists
Valerie Lawson - Cycle Wight	

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the 25th June 2009 were agreed.

Lisa Scovell (LS) explained that the Island Plan Core Strategy had been submitted and that an exploratory meeting with the Inspector had taken place. Following the meeting the Council had agreed some minor editing changes, which it was hoped would clarify certain points in the Core Strategy. Consultation would then take place on the changes from the 23rd October to 4th December 2009. The strategy would then be considered by the Inspector in March 2010. As part of the Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document the Council were conducting consultation on the potential site options for waste processing facilities and landfill sites on the Island. The consultation period started on the 25th August and would run until the 29th September.

Morris Barton (MB) informed the group that a letter had been sent from Fishbourne Parish Council to the Isle of Wight Council. The Parish Council were concerned that the Island Plan had not given Cross Solent issues adequate consideration.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(A) FUTURE OF THE QTP

David Bottom (DB) gave a presentation which outlined the proposed amendments to the QTP format these included extending of the QTP Executive and amending the terms of reference as well as the restructure of the forums. A chart depicted the links from the QTP to the Economic and Environment Key Delivery Partnership (EEKDP) and then onto the Island Strategic Partnership (ISP) please see page 3.

It was felt that following the success of the Annual General Meeting this year, that the meeting in 2010 should follow the same format. The QTP Executive proposed to host a summit meeting to which all transport operators, users groups and the Council would be invited to provide a short presentation outlining their future plans and any big issues facing their organisation. The group voiced concerns as to the purpose of the summit. It was acknowledged that the QTP wanted to re-launch the group however it was felt that this could be achieved as part of the AGM. It was agreed that the concept would be re-considered by the QTP Executive.

Action: QTP Secretary to call a meeting of the QTP Executive including a representative from each of the forums.

(B) QTP MEMBERSHIP

DB explained that the QTP had received a letter from Newport Parish Council asking to become a member. The group recognised the importance of Newport as the hub of the Island's transport

network however it was felt that it would be unfair to single out Newport Parish Council from all of the other Town and Parish Councils on the Island, to become a member. The request was voted on, with zero in favour and six against.

It was however agreed that they should be invited to the next meeting of the QTP to give a presentation regarding their consultation event hosted in June, which looked at Newport Traffic Issues.

Action: QTP Secretary to invite Newport Town Council to the next meeting of the QTP to present their findings of the recent consultation event.

DB informed the group that he had received request from Yarmouth, Ryde and East Cowes Town Councils to meet with him, which he was very happy to do, and would welcome the opportunity to meet with Newport Parish Council. Furthermore it was felt that as a means of ensuring that issues from the Town and Parish Councils were fed into the QTP the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) should be contacted.

(C) PFI INDUSTRY DAY

DB explained that he had attended the PFI industry day, at which he had met some of the potential bidders and felt that overall there was a good level of support for the scheme. The presentations given by Council officers were well received and overall he felt that it was a useful and informative day. The outline business case had been submitted and the PFI team were working closely with the Department for Transport. Concerns were expressed as to the impact on the Island once work commenced, Cllr Giles informed the group that this had been considered, and as such the core investment period had been extended from five to seven years.

4. NEWPORT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Peter Hayward (PH) informed the group that the proposed plans for amendments to the traffic flows in Newport had been discussed with both Local Councillors and Newport Parish Council. A public consultation event was planned for October and the QTP would be invited to a preview of this event.

5. UPDATE FROM CYCLE FORUM

Hugh Walding (HW) on behalf of the Valerie Lawson reported that the Cycle Forum felt that they would be unlikely to be able to continue without secretarial support. Chris Wells (CW) stated that he felt that the group were very useful however there had been very low attendance at recent meetings. Part of the low attendance had been blamed on the meeting being held in the afternoon, and the Cycle Forum would now have an opportunity to organise themselves in a way that worked better for them.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Don Vincent (DV) informed the group that connections were being missed between the Ventnor Rail Bus, Island Line trains and the Wightlink passenger ferries due to changes in Wightlink's timetable. He also raised concerns that the new vessels, being introduced on the 22nd September, would have an increase journey time by two minutes and smaller passenger capacity. Loretta Lale (LL) explained that Hovertravel would not be changing their timetable until April 2010 and that any change made would be in coordination with both Island Line and Stage Coach.

MB stated that a number of Chamber of Commencer members had expressed dissatisfaction with the present situation, he thought that a working party should be established. Cllr Giles stated that he was scheduled to meet the new Chief Executive of Wightlink and would raise this issue.

7. DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 3rd December 2009, 2.pm at Quay Arts, Newport.

QTP PROPOSED STRUCTURE CHART

