

**MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP AGM
HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2006
AT QUAY ARTS CENTRE, NEWPORT**

PRESENT: Steve Porter – Chair
Jenny Boor – Hovertravel
Sue Cracknell – Isle of Wight Council
Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council
Tony Dickinson – Island Line
Stephen Matthews – Isle of Wight Council
Marc Morgan-Huws – Southern Vectis
Jack Richards – Community Rail Partnership
Malcolm Ross – Cycle Wight
Andy Naylor – Island Line
Ian Schaff – Isle of Wight Council
Don Vincent – IW Bus Users Group
Hugh Walding – Isle of Wight Friends of the Earth
Ian Ward CC – Isle of Wight Council
Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council
Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council

1. APOLOGIES

David Bottom – Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce
Laurence Keynes – Isle of Wight Council
Rachel Mills – Isle of Wight Council
Andy Morris – Isle of Wight Council
Janice Rounsevell – IW Taxi Proprietors Association
Ron Wallis – IW Motorcycle Rider Training
Brenda Wilkins – Isle of Wight Group of Advanced Motorists

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM – 19th JANUARY 2006

The minutes of the last AGM (19th January 2006) were agreed.

Don Vincent (DV) thanked the QTP for their support regarding the planning application for the construction of the new Tesco store at the existing site, on the outskirts of Ryde. He informed the group that at the recent Public Inquiry, it was clear that additional funding had been allocated by the Tesco group to ensure that there were adequate provisions for buses on the site.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Steve Porter stated that he was willing to remain as the Chairman, Hugh Walding seconded the nomination and the vote was carried unanimously.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Hugh Walding stated that he was willing to remain as Deputy Chair, Jack Richards seconded the nomination and the vote was carried unanimously.

5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The existing Executive Committee were re-elected i.e.:

- a) A partner to represent the transport providers – Southern Vectis.

- b) A partner to represent the business community – Chamber of Commerce.
- c) A partner to represent the specialist transport organisations – Friends of the Earth.
- d) A partner to represent the user groups – Community Rail Partnership.

6. QTP SECRETARY & ADMIN FUNCTION

The council agreed to retain the secretarial function, it was seconded by Hugh Walding and the vote was carried unanimously.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jack Richards (JR) gave the group an update on the achievements of the Community Rail Partnership (CRP) during the past year. He explained that the group was interested in the railway as a whole and felt that the work that had been carried out at Brading Station was a good example of what could be achieved. Works to improve Sandown station were currently being considered, a renovation bid outlining a range of initiatives including an NHS dental surgery and a “healthy restaurant” had been submitted. Work would start once the bid was approved. A meeting had been held regarding the instability of the section of track at Rowborough, which had resulted in a speed limit being implemented, which had a knock on effect, on the train’s timetable. The future of the train’s rolling stock and the possibility of introducing a passing loop were still being considered.

Chris Wells (CW) informed the group that he and Steve Porter had met with Environmental Health regarding the issues highlighted by the Taxi Proprietors Association at the last QTP meeting. It was felt that it was essential to maintain good lines of communication between the council and the taxi proprietors and the council were now using a number of methods including newsletters to ensure that the message reached all those involved. Colleagues in Environmental Health had considered the questions raised by the QTP and prepared a paper addressing each issue. This had been sent to Janice Rounsevell and it was hoped that the Taxi Proprietors Association would now respond with their comments.

Actions: Janice Rounsevell to forward further comment to the QTP if appropriate.

Ian Schaff informed the group that he had experienced difficulties due to the works being carried out by Network Rail in Portsmouth. A bus service had been provided, however the Wightlink passenger ferry did not always appear to wait for the bus to arrive before departing for the Island.

Action: SP agreed to write to both Southwest Trains and Wightlink regarding the connection problems.

Marc Morgan-Huws (MMH) informed the group that he had been working with Red Funnel to re-align the bus timetable to ensure that the Red Jets were met. He also explained that Southern Vectis were investigating new ticket machines and smart card technology and that meetings were being held with other transport operators and the Council. Cllr Ward explained that the Council had an aspiration to introduce smart cards as a means of accessing council services.

8. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A list of 2007 meeting dates were circulated at the meeting. They were also sent to all members via their preferred format of communication.