

# MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2002  
at Quay Arts Studio, The Quay, Newport

**Present :** Peter Tuck – Chair  
Terry Butchers CC - IW Council  
Ernie Fox CC - IW Council  
Jonathan Green - Red Funnel Ferries  
Tim Hunter-Henderson - Federation of Small Businesses  
Barrie Jehan – Hovertravel Ltd  
Rachel Jolliffe - IW Council  
Stewart King – Wightlink  
Steve Matthews - IW Council  
Marc Morgan-Huws – Southern Vectis  
Chris Roberts - IW Older Voices  
Jim Ruby - Rural Issues Group  
Don Vincent - IW Bus Users Group  
Steve Wade – Islandline  
Chris Wells - IW Council  
Brenda Wilkins - Institute of Advanced Motorists  
Dave Woracker – Transport 2000

## 1. APOLOGIES

Trish Collins - British Horse Society  
Ashley Curzon – Planning Policy, IW Council (now attending in place of P Airey)  
Martin Gibson – Rural Transport Partnership  
Roger Manison – IW Healthcare NHS Trust  
Angela Mawle - IW Council  
Jack Richards - Wight Track/Rail Passenger Committee  
Malcolm Ross - CycleWight  
Sarah Watkins - Freight Transport Association  
Chris Wright – Road Haulage Association

The group welcomed Barrie Jehan from Hovertravel.

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> May 2002) were agreed.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

John Murphy, Licensing Officer was unable to attend the meeting but will be attending the November QTP.

No further information available on the Islandline re-franchise. The SRA study has been finalised and the RPC have received a draft copy for comment. Concern was expressed that the new franchise is less than a year away and that little information is currently available. Council Officers and Members have met with the SRA to discuss issues and request urgency in this matter.

**Action :** QTP to write to SRA and Island MP to express concern over lack of progress.

#### **4. REPORT ON WORK OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, IWC**

The strategic corridor projects are progressing. The Newport to Ryde corridor has been completed and work on the Newport to Yarmouth project is due to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002. It is likely that the Newport to Cowes project will slip into the next financial year.

Work is underway on the Undercliff Drive temporary route and it is hoped that the road will be completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October (dependant on weather). The permanent link will be the subject of a future major bid to the Government.

The Council received 2 tenders for work on Military Road both of which were considerably over the allocated budget. A revised bid of £3.5m has now been received and the stabilisation work will be a high priority for the next financial year.

The 2002 Annual Progress Report was submitted to the Government in August. Copies of the document have been sent to all QTP Members and can also be viewed on the Council's website ([www.iwight.com/transport](http://www.iwight.com/transport)).

The Newport pedestrianisation consultation exercise highlighted the need for a ring/peripheral road before full pedestrianisation. In light of the consultation the Council's Executive have decided to implement a series of traffic management improvements including new one way systems, bus contraflow, pedestrian crossings and new signage.

***Item 5 (Islandline) was dealt with under Matters Arising.***

***Item 6 (report from Martin Gibson, RTPO) deferred to next/future meeting.***

#### **7. MEETING WITH BRITISH INTERNATIONAL**

Jim Ruby reported that the meeting with British International had been very positive. Initially British International are interested in running a helicopter service from the Island to Southampton Airport with possible future connections to City/Gatwick/Heathrow.

#### **8. QTP AGM AND OPEN MEETING**

The QTP AGM and Open Meeting has been provisionally booked for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2002 at the Riverside Centre, Newport. Confirmation will be circulated to Members in due course.

Peter Tuck announced that he would be standing down from the QTP Chair at the AGM. The Group were sorry to hear that PT was resigning and thanked him for his leadership.

The Open Meeting will be open to any interested parties and will include guest speakers. QTP members were encouraged to invite members of their respective groups to the Open Meeting.

**Action :** Chris Wells to investigate guest speakers.

**Action :** Rachel Jolliffe to circulate details of AGM and Open Meeting.

## **9. COMMUNITY STRATEGY & LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Chris Wells is compiling the transport section of the Community Strategy and would welcome additional comments from key members.

**Action :** Rachel Jolliffe to send CS Transport section to Islandline, RPC, Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses and Martin Gibson, RTPO.

The launch of the Community Strategy is due to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2002 at Ryde Theatre. An invitation has been extended to all QTP members – interested members should contact Angela Sharpe at the Policy Unit, County Hall for details.

Ryan Willergers, Wightlink has resigned from the Local Strategic Partnership due to work commitments, leaving the QTP cross-Solent position vacant.

**Action :** Peter Tuck to write to Red Funnel to invite them to represent the QTP on the LSP.

It is likely that commercial members of the QTP are to be invited to contribute financially to the CS/LSP. This issue will be discussed at a future QTP meeting once details have been confirmed.

## **10. ANNUAL CHAIN FERRY COSTS**

Don Vincent had written to the QTP requesting information on the Cowes floating bridge. The letter had been passed to Andy Morris, Transport Manager who had responded that: (i) the net deficit has decreased from £130,000 in 1996 to £40,000 in 2001/02; (ii) from time to time there are calls for consideration to be given to charging passenger tolls but this is not currently the Council's policy.

**Action :** Copy of Andy Morris email to be sent to Don Vincent.

Concern was raised over the last late-night floating bridge and the integration with other public transport services.

**Action :** Peter Tuck to write to Councillor Fox to ask for the issue of integration of the late-night floating bridge/public transport to be investigated.

## **11. QTP REPRESENTATION ON AONB ADVISORY GROUP & LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

The QTP have been asked to nominate representatives to two separate groups – the AONB Advisory Group and the Local Access Forum.

Dave Woracker was nominated to the Local Access Forum.

Jim Ruby was nominated to the AONB Advisory Group.

**Action :** Rachel Jolliffe to pass details of nominations to relevant groups.

## **12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1.30pm** in the Quay Arts Centre, Newport.