

## **MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

Held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004  
At Quay Arts Centre, Newport

**Present:** Steve Porter – Chair  
David Bottom – IW Chamber of Commerce  
Richard Box – Hovertravel  
Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council  
Ernie Fox CC – Isle of Wight Council  
Margaret Howden – Isle of Wight Older Voices  
Tim Hunter-Henderson – Federation of Small Businesses  
Rachel Jolliffe – Isle of Wight Council  
Laurence Keynes – LIFT  
Valerie Lawson – CycleWight  
Steve Matthews – Isle of Wight Council  
Sean Millward – Wightlink  
Jack Richards – Rail Passengers Committee / Wight Track  
Jim Ruby – Retired QTP Chair  
Malcolm Ross – CycleWight  
Peter Tuck – Retired QTP Chair  
Don Vincent – IW Bus Users Group  
Hugh Walding – IW Friends of the Earth  
Ron Wallis – IW Motorcycle Training Scheme  
Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council  
Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council  
Alan White – Southern Vectis  
Mel White – IW Taxi Proprietors Association  
Brenda Wilkins – IW Group of Advanced Motorists

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Trish Collins – British Horse Society  
Kevin Hatt – Red Funnel  
Stuart Linn – Southern Vectis  
Steve Wade – Island Line  
Dave Woracker – Transport 2000  
Chris Wright – Road Haulage Association

Steve Porter welcomed David Bottom (IW Chamber of Commerce) to the group.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003**

The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003 were agreed.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

### **4. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

Steve Porter, the new Chairman, addressed the group. SP is keen that the QTP is not seen as just a talking shop. It was agreed that the QTP should focus on 3 specific issues per annum with 2 meetings allocated to each subject.

The 3 subjects to be tackled this year are:

- (a) Integration – information and ticketing.
- (b) Congestion – including parking, hypothecation and pollution.
- (c) Accident reduction.

These are consistent with the issues highlighted by the Council's recent settlement letter from the DfT.

It was also agreed that:

- (a) Meetings to start at 2pm (until 5.00pm at the latest) with a mid-meeting break (approx 3.15pm).
- (b) Two meetings to be allocated to each specific subject – consisting of presentation/discussion/QTP recommendation.
- (c) Working parties to be set up as necessary.
- (d) Other 'general' updates to be kept as brief as possible – no more than 20 minutes including questions.

## 5. QTP AIM AND OBJECTIVES

It would appear that not all members of the QTP have signed up to the aim and objectives. In 1998, 13 founder members signed the document which was witnessed by Glenda Jackson, the then Secretary of State for Transport. Subsequently some new Members have signed up but not all.

It was agreed that the aim was still relevant but some Members felt that the objectives should be revised.

The group discussed possible amendments to the objectives, in particular the wording of objective 4 and the balance of commercial pressures, economic growth and environmental protection.

After extensive discussion, it was agreed that a working party should be established to discuss and, if appropriate, draft new objectives, with WP members to be selected by Steve Porter.

**Action:** SP to select key members to be invited to participate in the working group.  
RJ to organise WP meeting.

*The Annual Progress Report Update was postponed to a later meeting.*

## 6. RAIL WORKING PARTY

Jack Richards reported on the last meeting of the Rail Working Party (17<sup>th</sup> February 2004). The group met to discuss the possibility of establishing a Community Rail Partnership (CRP) on the Isle of Wight. The group had received presentations from : Neil Buxton from AcoRP on the benefits of a CRP; Adrian Searle, Wight Track on the role a CRP could have on the Island and Dave Chapman, IW Economic Partnership on possible funding sources.

It was agreed that Neil Buxton would email detailed information to Jack Richards and Chris Wells on establishing a CRP. The group is due to meet again in April.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Peter Tuck reported that Steve Blamire, Green Island Awards, IW Council, is planning to give a presentation on "Green Tourism – Non Car Use". Anyone interested should contact Steve on 823646.

Mel White reported that plans for this year's Rock Festival are progressing. The Taxi Proprietors Association were disappointed to note that there is no provision for a taxi drop off point. It was agreed that the IWTPA should direct their concerns to Wight Leisure.

**8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2004 in the Seminar Room, Quay Arts Centre, Newport starting at 2.00pm.