

MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on 26th August 2004
At Quay Arts Centre, Newport

Present : Steve Porter – Chair
Kevin Bolan – IW Healthcare, NHS Trust
Mike Cunningham CC – Isle of Wight Council
Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council
Ernie Fox CC – Isle of Wight Council
Kevin Hatt – Red Funnel Group
Tim Hunter-Henderson – Federation of Small Businesses
Laurence Keynes – Rural Transport Partnership
Stuart Linn – Southern Vectis
Susan Marshall – Isle of Wight Council
Sean Millward – Wightlink
Jack Richards – Rail Passengers Committee / Wight Track
Janice Rounsevell – IW Taxi Proprietors Association
Derek Rowell - Isle of Wight Council
David Ruscing - Red Funnel Group
Ian Schaff - Isle of Wight Council
Nigel Smith – Isle of Wight Council
John Vosper – Isle of Wight Council
Don Vincent – IW Bus Users Group
Steve Wade – Islandline
Maureen Wakeman – IW Disability Action Group
Huge Walding – IW Friends of the Earth
Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council
Charlotte Westwood – Isle of Wight Council
Brenda Wilkins – IW Group of Advanced Motorists
Dave Woracker – Transport 2000
Tracey Young - Isle of Wight Council

1. APOLOGIES

Trish Collins - Brit
Ian Dodd – Freight Transport Association
Valerie Lawson – Cyclewright
Margaret Howden – Isle of Wight Older Voices
Steve Matthews – Isle of Wight Council
Rachel Mills (nee Jolliffe) – Isle of Wight Council
Jim Ruby – Rural Issues Group
Ron Wallis – IW Motorcycle Training Scheme
Alan White – Southern Vectis

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (22nd APRIL 2004)

The minutes of the 22nd April 2004 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Don Vincent undated the group on Item 7 (discounted fares for young people). Cllr Fox is now proposing that young persons between the ages of 5 and 18 years old should be entitled to reduced fares.

4. PRESENTATION ON LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (IW COUNCIL)

Derek Rowell (DR) gave a presentation on the Local Strategic Partnership. (Notes were provided at the meeting, however additional copies can be obtained from the QTP Secretary).

DR explained links between the Community Plan, existing plans and current methods of attracting funding to support the development and improvements on the Island. He underlined that transport is a very important issue for the Island and for that reason there should be a clear development strategy. He explained how the Area Investment Framework will help coordinate investment at a local level. As a means of securing additional funding, Engineering Services are looking into the possibility of entering into a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) therefore creating a way of bringing the roads up to a better state of repair.

The group discussed their vision for the future and agreed that an accessible Island for all with better integrated transport was the ideal. Achieving funding is key to this process.

5. PRESENTATION ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (IW COUNCIL)

Ashley Curzon (AC) gave a presentation on the Local Development Framework.

Discussion centred on the vision for the Island and that any possible growth should be managed so as to ensure that the Island retained its present charm.

AC explained that the Local Development Framework (LDF) will guide future development whilst, at the same time, allowing for updates and policy reviews.

6. PRESENTATION ON ROAD SAFETY (IW COUNCIL)

Tracey Young (TY) gave a presentation about the Road Safety team and their work.

Dave Woracker questioned if providing pre-driver training conflicted with current policy to reduce car use and encourage transport by other means. It was explained that although promoting public transport is important, teaching basic driving skills is essential for improving road safety.

Chris Wells explained that by 2010 every school on the Island would be required to have a School Travel Plan in place. This should help to tackle the problem of congestion around school premises and therefore improve road safety. The Council were looking to employ a School Travel Plan Advisor and it was hoped that this person would work in partnership with schools to put plans in place.

7. PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL (JACK RICHARDS)

Jack Richards (JR) gave a presentation on the Community Rail Partnership proposal. (Notes were provided at the meeting, however additional copies can be obtained from the QTP Secretary.)

The group discussed the state of repair of the stations along the railway line and it was highlighted that Brading Town Council are in the process of regenerating their station and that Sandown and Shanklin stations have been refurbished. CW also informed the group that Ian Schaff had been appointed the Project Manager for Ryde Interchange. The Council is looking to move the project forward with the hope of starting on site late 2005.

Laurence Keynes (LK) explained that the contract had been awarded to Wightbus for the Shanklin to Ventnor Rail bus and will begin operating on the 4th October. However the use of Rover tickets on the service still needed to be negotiated.

8. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st October 2004 in the Seminar Room, Quay Arts Centre, Newport starting at 2.00pm and the topic will be integration.