

# MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005  
At Quay Arts Centre, Newport

**PRESENT:** Steve Porter – Chair  
Kevin Bolan – Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Trust  
David Bottom – Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce  
Cllr Brown – Isle of Wight Council  
Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council  
Hugh Walding – Isle of Wight Friends of the Earth  
Laurence Keynes – LIFT  
Rachel Mills – Isle of Wight Council  
Marc Morgan-Huws – Southern Vectis  
Andy Morris – Isle of Wight Council  
Clive Page – Isle of Wight Old Voices  
Graham Pearce – Federation of Small Businesses  
Jack Richards – Community Rail Partnership / Wight Track  
Malcolm Ross – Cycle Wight  
Janice Rousevell – Isle of Wight Taxi Proprietors Association  
Ian Schaff – Isle of Wight Council  
Don Vincent – Isle of Wight Bus Users Group  
Steve Wade – Island Line  
Cllr Ward – Isle of Wight Council  
Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council  
Charlotte Westwood - Isle of Wight Council  
Brenda Wilkins – Isle of Wight Group of Advanced Motorists  
Dave Woracker – Transport 2000

## 1. APOLOGIES

Trish Collins – British Horse Society  
Kevin Hatt – Red Funnel  
Valerie Lawson – Cycle Wight  
Steve Sansom – P D Port Service  
Nigel Smith – Isle of Wight Tourism  
Ron Wallis – Motorcycle Club Training Scheme  
Alan White – Southern Vectis

## 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2005)

Janice Rousevell explained that displaying a taxi tariff card on a town information map might cause difficulties. Steve Porter (SP) explained that he had written to Cllr Harris in the past and the matter should be discussed at the next meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

**Action:** Town information maps to be discussed at the next meeting.

## 3. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

SP noted with sadness the death of Margaret Howden, the representative from Isle of Wight Older Voices. For the time being Clive Page would represent the group.

SP explained that Steve Sansom from P D Port Services has been invited to join the QTP to represent bulk sea shipping.

SP welcomed Cllr Brown and Cllr Ward to the meeting SP explained the purpose of the group and the desire to increase sustainable transport. He commented on the new Council's manifesto and whilst supporting the proposal to introduce a £1 bus fare questioned how, when looking to reduce car use, this initiative would work alongside a £50 parking ticket for Island residents. Cllr Ward was clear that efforts should be made to remove the need to travel and explained that travel on foot, bicycle and public transport should be promoted, however this should not be done to the detriment of the motorist.

SP gave a brief overview of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and outlined that previous there were seven themes and that these had been reduced to four themes; Healthy Island, Thriving Island, Skilled

and Educated Island, and a Safer Island. The Connected Island theme is now integrated into the Thriving Island theme therefore there will not be a dedicated transport theme. David Bottom (DB) was of the opinion that out of the four themes, to have a thriving Island and strong economy was the most important issue as it has a key role in delivery the other themes.

SP informed the group that he felt it would be beneficial to establish a freight forum, to include haulage companies, ferry operators and representatives from the council. DB supported the suggestion. Chris Wells (CW) gave details of previous discussions with these groups and agreed to investigate re-establishing the forum.

**Action:** CW to investigate the possibilities of re-establishing a freight forum.

#### **4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)**

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

The group discussed the content of the presentation, which illustrated a number of possible strategic options. Fears were raised that further development of some areas may result in the connecting of settlements. AC explained that this was not the intention of the plan, which would recognise the importance of each community maintaining its own identity. It was however clear that the density of developments would have to increase due to a lack of available development sites. Concerns were also raised regarding the current use of Section 106 agreements and a request that these should be to the benefit of the areas adjoining new developments and be appropriate to the scale and type of development proposed. AC explained that the LDF was currently being developed and he would value further input from this group.

**Action:** The LDF to be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

#### **5. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2 (LTP2)**

CW gave a presentation on the Provisional Local Transport Plan (handouts were circulated at the meeting however additional copies can be obtained from the QTP Secretary).

CW explained that LTP2 was a provisional document currently out for consultation, the final plan will be submitted to Government Office for the South East (GOSE) and the Department for Transport (DfT) in March 2006. Copies of the plan have been issued to all QTP members, for their comments. The Plan was produced in line with DfT's guidelines and timescales. It will have a five-year life span, and can be amended or revised to take into account of changes in government policy and changing plans such as the LDF.

The group discussed certain elements of the plan and in particular the use of the rights of way network and the need for urban paths to be better signed. It was hoped that LTP2 would assist in improving the transport choices on the Island.

#### **6. RYDE INTERCHANGE**

Ian Schaff (IS) gave a presentation on the Ryde Interchange project (leaflets were circulated at the meeting, additional copies can be obtained from the QTP Secretary).

IS informed the group that over the last few months he had hosted two public exhibitions on Ryde Interchange and the comments received have helped shape the final design. The group agreed that the building would provide better provisions for all travellers. There would be 12 taxi spaces with four outside the interchange with a raised kerb, and a further eight on the opposite side of the road. The interchange would include travel shops, tourist information and civic space. IS confirmed that at present Southern Vectis were planning to continue to have an Inspector based at the interchange to both assist with bus travel and to improve the overall security of the building. Furthermore IS confirmed that the consultants had looked in detail to ensure that the new road layout would be suitable for HGVs, and that the Interchange building would be enclosed to protect travellers from the elements. Brenda Wilkins congratulated IS on the design of the Interchange.

#### **7. DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 14:00, in the Seminar Room, Quay Arts Centre.