

MINUTES OF QUALITY TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held on Thursday 8th December 2005
At Quay Arts Centre, Newport

PRESENT: Steve Porter – Chairman
Jenny Boor – Hovertravel
Ashley Curzon – Isle of Wight Council
Laurence Keynes – Isle of Wight Council
Rachel Mills – Isle of Wight Council
Marc Morgan Huws – Southern Vectis
Clive Page – Isle of Wight Older Voices
Janice Rounsevell – Isle of Wight Taxi Proprietors Association
Don Vincent – Isle of Wight Bus Users Group
Hugh Walding – Isle of Wight Friends of the Earth
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

1. **APOLOGIES**

Richard Box – Hovertravel
Trish Collins – British Horse Society
Kevin Hatt – Red Funnel
Sue Marshall – Isle of Wight Council
Andy Morris – Isle of Wight Council
Steve Sansom – P. D. Port Services
Ian Schaff – Isle of Wight Council
Steve Wade – Island Line
Alan White – Southern Vectis

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (29th SEPTEMBER 2005)**

The minutes from the 29th September 2005 were agreed.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

Steve Porter (SP) informed the group that he was pleased to have been elected as the theme champion for the Thriving Island group within the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). He was also very pleased to be able to announce that Ryde Interchange had been granted conditional planning permission.

4. **LSP UPDATE & AIF BID FOR WORKPLACE TRAVEL PLAN ADVISOR**

SP explained to the group that at a recent Isle of Wight Economic Partnership (IWEP) Funding Approval Board meeting, consisting of LSP and IWEP members, three projects seeking funding from SEEDA were discussed. The projects were; a bulk distribution depot on the banks of the Medina, continuing Wight Wheels and appointing a Workplace Travel Plan (WTP) Advisor. It was decided at the meeting that the bulk distribution depot would be progressed. The decision on Wight Wheels was deferred and the proposal to appoint a WTP Advisor was turned down. Chris Wells (CW) was disappointed to note that the Council, were as a result of this decision unable to access the external (SEEDA) funding, for this important post. The funding would have been £25,000 a year for three years.

5. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) UPDATE**

Ashley Curzon (AC) informed the group that consultation on the Island Plan had now closed and that a good range of comments had been received from a number of different organisations. The comments received from the QTP were felt to be very useful and like a number of other group's had suggested a hybrid option. A consultation report was going to be produced and distributed to all Island Libraries, Council Offices and published on the internet.

A task group was going to be established in January 2006 and permission sought from the Isle of Wight Council's Cabinet, for the formal consultation process on the emerging plan to begin in February

2006, for six weeks. It was suggested that a meeting to discuss the single issue of the LDF should be held in March 2006 for QTP members.

Action: Meeting to be scheduled.

Post meeting note: A meeting was held on 9th March 2006 and the notes have been submitted to Planning and circulated to QTP members.

6. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP2) – FEEDBACK FROM ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP

CW informed the group that drafting the final LTP2 was progressing and that work was being done to ensure that all of the comments received during the consultation process were incorporated within the plan. The final Plan will clarify the links between the LDF, LTP and include amendments to update the long term vision and development of the Community Plan.

CW explained to the group that accessibility was a key area of work, which was required in the final Plan. A workshop was hosted on the 24th November 2005. An accessibility framework would be produced and action plans written.

CW explained to the group that as part of the LTP process a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was required. A SEA looks at every aspect of the plan and scores it in accordance with the impact it would have on the environment. The SEA was currently out for consultation until January 2006, and copies could be obtained from Island Libraries, Council Offices and downloaded from the Internet.

Cllr Ward informed the group that he had been part of a group including leading members and officers who had recently meet with Karen Buck, Parliamentary Under Sectary of State. They had put the case that the Isle of Wight ferries were an essential part of the transport infrastructure for the Island and should be supported as such. The issue of our Private Finance Initiative (PFI) was raised and Cllr Ward felt that our case was well put and sympathetically received.

7. P D PORT SERVICES

SP explained to the group that Steve Sansom was unable to attend, therefore this item will be reschedule to a future meeting.

Action: Item to be taken forward to a future meeting.

8. QTP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SP informed the group that a letter inviting nominations for the position of QTP Chairman and the Executive would be sent a few weeks before the AGM in January 2006.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Laurence Keynes (LK) informed the group that the Community Rail Partnership (CRP) sought to have Island Line included in the free bus fare scheme for people over the age of 60 and the disabled. However at present the Council were investigating the potential costs of extending the scheme to cover train travel.

10. DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th April 2006 at 14:00 in the Theatre, Quay Arts Centre.