

## **Minutes of YBF Branch Meeting: West Offices – Tuesday 14 February '17 (18:00 – 19:00)**

**Present:** Ron Healey (Chair), Toby Hart (minutes' taker); Dave Merrett (Treasurer & Membership Secretary); Andy D'agorne.

**Introduction – Chair (Ron Healey):** Owing to minimal attendance and a prior commitment by the chair the meeting proceeded on an extempore basis without a formal agenda. It was agreed that we need to improve notice of meetings. DM said if he was going to send out meeting notices, he needed all the paperwork for the meeting by a week in advance – he'd only been sent the draft agenda the previous day, and had only seen it when he logged on at lunch.

1. **Apologies:** John Bibby (Convenor); Graham Collett; Diana Robinson & Carole Green (Bishopthorpe Parish Council)
2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 10/01/2017:** these were only provisionally agreed as not all the amendments to the original draft were reflected in the copies present but were subsequently agreed by email.
3. **Matters Arising:** Discussions that took place were around dates for the various levels of meeting – general, Committee Based and AGM – but also pre-requisites for the group's forthcoming AGM as well as relationships with other organisations.
  - a) **Update on JRF funding:** DM reported that JRF had now scheduled the payment to the YBF bank account.
  - b) **Dates for meetings:** the following was proposed by DM (no meeting in August)  
**Business Meetings:** should total 5 per year and be held in the following months: February; May; July; October and December.  
**Membership Meetings:** should be 6 in total and held in January; March; April; June; September and November.  
**AGM:** April  
**Times:** it was also suggested that the regular monthly meetings should be rescheduled to commence at 18:15 when held in the current venue as the meeting held by the previous occupants of the booked room sometimes over-ran.
  - c) **Requirements of the AGM:** DM stated that certain things would need to be produced in time for our AGM next month. These included: Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting; an Annual Report; fully Ratified Constitution; Nomination of Officers for election. He suggested an outline agenda: Intro, Apologies, Minutes of Inaugural meeting, Officer reports (Annual, Accounts & Membership), Adoption of Revised Constitution, Election of Officers & committee, Speaker. There was a further discussion about having an open discussion off the back of the reports, including what our forward activities should be. It was suggested we should invite the QBP chair to our next following meeting, and inviting other operators was also raised, e.g. A Hornby (Transdev).
  - d) **Publicity & events listings:** there was a brief discussion on the benefit of a facebook page for publicising events. It was suggested GC was asked about & whether Paul Colbeck could help (Subsequent note. There is an existing YBF Facebook page albeit not updated since the first 2016 meeting!)
  - e) **Relationships with other organisations:** RH raised the matter of our connections with other organisations and, in particular, those who represented business, and cited the example of how the Harrogate and District Rail Users' Group was associated with their local Chamber of Commerce and worked with them collaboratively on certain issues.

- f) **Service 500:** TH mentioned that First York's experimental Service 500 Freebus had again been extended beyond its trial period. RH said that Carole's newsletter promoting it was going to press the following day.
- g) **Greener Journeys report.** TH mentioned it a 7% growth in York's bus usage was mentioned. DM suspected the growth was probably due to First's fare decreases combined with some of the improvements to bus reliability and bus stop info from the Better Bus initiative. Perhaps we could invite a CoYC speaker to a future meeting to talk about how the lessons from the BBI, plus what the Council's future strategy should be.

The meeting closed early, as agreed, shortly after 19:00