

York Bus Forum

Minutes of the Committee meeting 5:30pm on Tuesday 19th December 2017, West Offices

Present: Graham Collett (Chair), Brian Nye (BN), John Bibby (JB), Dave Merrett (DM), Stuart Irvine (SI)

Apologies: Andy d'Agorne (Ad'A), Toby Hart (TH), Ron Healey (RH)

1. Introductions / Notices

Graham gave notice that he cannot continue doing the Secretaries job as well as Chair given his other commitments, and would stand down at the AGM unless someone took on the Secretaries responsibilities. JB later suggested asking Dee Boyle (DB) if she'd take on. **Action: JB. General request for volunteers to take up the Secretary position Action: All** The chair also advised that Robin Jorimann had resigned from the committee due to ill-health.

2. Minutes of the committee meeting Tuesday 17th October

The chair noted that TH had taken the notes of the meeting but had not supplied them as minutes.

3. Matters Arising

a) York Central. Chair recalled that DM was going to draft a letter to Ian Gillies regarding priority bus access to the York Central site. DM did not recall doing so, but had prepared a draft response on the Local Plan as agreed. JB agreed to draft the letter and circulate for comment. **Action: JB**

b) Draft Local Plan. The Chair had sent in the YBF submission.

4. Festival of Ideas

JB has e-mailed Tony McCabe re YBF's involvement. It was agreed that we should coincide with the One planet York event. The suggested topic was agreed as "What can Buses contribute to the Clean Air agenda" to fit in with the 2018 Festival theme. **Action: JB to follow up with Tony McCabe.**

5. Access Agenda

The Chair reported that Rosie and Eleanor had been putting a booklet together. Rosie was now aiming for mid-January. JB asked her to outline a specification for this for him to cost up. There was an issue as to whether the Bus Forum should fund this. The chair pointed to the publicity element included in the JRF grant. The chair will e-mail Rosie to see what she's doing. **Action: Chair.**

6. Community Transport

It was noted that 15 voluntary sector organisations with their own transport were getting together to see if can optimise services & vehicles.

7. Talking Buses

JB said that Rosie had spoken with First York about introducing this feature, but they were reluctant to implement it.

8. YOPA

The chair noted that he's been co-opted to the YOPA executive on transport issues – in addition to Peter Scott.

9. Finance & Membership

DM said that he had received an invoice for room hire from York Explore since the last meeting and had paid this. There were bills for the YOPA advert and CBT meeting room to be paid. The subs position was not brilliant. Accounts would be need to be prepared soon, with projections.

10. Publicity Materials

The draft publicity items produced by JB were discussed. It was felt we were trying to fit too much on the 1/3rd A4 leaflett, and some of the print was much too small. DM said 14 font was a recognised minimum for poor sight. It was agreed that the Chair, DM, BN and JB were delegated to sign off the finals. JB would drop things off to BN. **Action: JB to progress.**

11. Bus matters

Route 42 to Cawood. The Chair reported that an emergency 2 a day frequency had initially been introduced, but a regular daytime service had been provided following tendering by NYCC. This had been facebooked and tweeted. The Parish Council and Yacht Club have given their support.

12. November meeting follow ups

The chair had written to both First and Keith McNally but had had no replies to date. Gail Shuttleworth (GS) had had some responses regarding the No 10 Stamford Bridge.

13. York Environment Forum (YEF) Transport Group report

DM gave an update on the YEF transport group's work to develop proposals for a wide public consultation / involvement process for LTP4, seeking to overcome some of the problems apparent in the Council's previous work (very poor engagement with younger

people, plus some rural villages and hard to reach groups under-represented). Whilst this was the main focus, some discussion had taken place about what representations should be made on the submission draft local plan due in the New Year. Should the Bus Forum be putting in its views? JB suggested a sub-group should tackle. Agreed JB, DM, Ad'A, GC and TH (if willing / able given moving to West Yorks). DM suggested the priority was to focus on pro-bus measures, particular those needing land and pertinent to the Local Plan. Also that the Outer Ring Road improvements took Public Transport needs into account.

12. Website

It was agreed that this should be delegated to the publicity group, and that we should put out production of a new web-site to tender. **Action: Publicity Group.**

13. Facebook page

DM said JB had sorted his admin appointment, and he'd done two posts. The chair said it was possible to automatically link the page to the Twitter account, so tweets were reposted on Facebook, but he didn't know how to do this. **Action: All - to advise Chair on how to link please.**

14. Newsletter

DM said whilst he was doing periodic e-mail updates for members and contacts, he really didn't have time to produce a proper newsletter and hoped someone else could volunteer to do that. BN said he'd welcome local bus info such as updates on timetable changes (not the timetables themselves), developments in other areas and information about the Bus Services Act. JB suggested passing to the publicity group. **Action: Publicity Group.**

15. Heworth taxi-bus

JB reported on successively obtaining Heworth Without funding and verbal commitments from Heworth Ward committees for a taxi bus trial. The idea is that it only runs if there is demand, and referenced the similar Rawcliffe scheme. YEF had supported him developing the proposal. It would be a shared taxi if there were multiple requests, and wouldn't run to specific routes. It's only proposed to operate where / when no local bus services. Heworth were still discussing if it should be run for disabled people at other times. JB asked for a statement of YBF's support. This was agreed, subject to the scheme not competing with existing or proposed local bus services and working in a way that builds support for additional bus services.

16. Any Other Business

BN raised an issue regarding info on service changes, temporary events info in bus cases. He wanted to see these in advance, not after the change had started, and then promptly taken

down afterwards. He has raised at the Council offices and at the rail station info point, but no action had resulted e.g. re the recent Heworth changes. Agreed that the Forum should formally write to the Council about this. **Action: Chair**

It was agreed to invite Julian Sturdy MP (York Outer) to address our AGM in April. **Action: Chair**

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