

York Bus Forum

Minutes of the Bus Forum Meeting 5:30pm on Tuesday 17th July 2018, West Offices

Present: Graham Collett (Chair), Dave Merrett (DM), Colin Sherwood (CS), Celia Rutt (CR), Diane Robinson (DR), Ron Healey (RH), Mary Fairbrother (MF), Brian Nye (BN), Alan Robinson (AR), Barry Bottomley (BB – items 1-3 only)

Apologies: John Bibby (JB), Andy d'Agorne (Ad'A), Mary Cannon (MC), Audrey Miller (AM), Dee Boyle (DB); Gail Shuttleworth (GS), Tony Hudson (TH), Neil McFarran (NF)

1 Chair's welcome and apologies

2 Minutes of the 15th May committee meeting - approved

3 Matters Arising from the 15th May committee meeting – GC reported re actions on EYMS issue.

Barry Bottomley introduced the National Pensioner's Convention (NPC) concession event to celebrate 10 years of the Concessionary Travel Pass on 6th September at St Sampson's Square, and requested a Bus Forum speaker at it.

4 Minutes of and slides (attached) from the 19th June Forum meeting - noted.

5 Matters arising from the June meeting. Notes and slides on air pollution circulated and sent to Council and bus operators.

Concerns were expressed about EY not accepting use of bus passes from 09:00 rather than 09:30, and EY also not accepting Moorsbus tickets between Norton and Danby. **Action: Chair.**

6 Update on Website The chair reported that JB was active in putting information on website. Need to publicise availability on YorkBusForum.org

7 Update on Access report publication, distribution and launch Nothing further to report RB preparing report for publication. **Action: RB**

8 Finance and Membership Report – 22 members and 5 affiliates. Refer to paper provided. DM said there was an additional bill not listed to pay. **Action: Treasurer.**

9 Report on Liaison Meeting with CYC Sustainable Transport Team Leader The Chair reported on a difficult 2nd Liaison Meeting with CYC Sustainable Transport Team Leader to discuss the Forum's relationship with the Council. A Study is planned for preparing a new Local Transport Plan (LTP). New for 2019 will be an updated LTP to link in with the transport aspects of the Local Plan. However the council cannot start the process yet due to a lack of resources and the overlap between the Local Plan and LTP requirements. Since this meeting a further more positive meeting had been held with the Assistant Director Transport, James Gilchrist, to discuss the Front of Station proposals and how to mesh into the consultation process.

10 Report on York Central Community Forum Meetings DM reported on the York Environment Forum's Transport Group work with Tony May from the Civic Trust's Planning Committee on developing an independent consultation proposal for the Council's forthcoming 4th (LTP 4). A city-wide sample is proposed, not simply based on transport issues, the sample to include non-residents, i.e. inbound commuters, tourists, etc. In principle agreement has been obtained from senior Council officers, and funding applications had now been made to the York Business Improvement District (BID) for £20k, Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) £3k. The Civic Trust had agreed a £5k contribution, and the Environment Forum £200, and the Bus Forum was being asked if it would contribute too. DM to circulate the bid documents to those present for comments. **Action: DM.** DR expressed concerns that the representative consultation group weren't bus users, and that it also needed to involve carers, and the disabled. DM explained the representative group was expected to be exactly that so would include some bus users – its purpose was to get a genuinely representative set of views, and was separate from the expected Council's own stakeholder group involvement work which the Bus Forum would expect to be involved in. The Transport group hoped to do some focused work with hard to reach groups which should cover carers and disabled, and was the basis of the JRF bid. After discussion the committee agreed to support the initiative with a £200 donation, i.e. the same as the Environment Forum. **Action: Treasurer.**

11 York Central Community Forum – a series of community forum meetings had taken place with the development partnership and their consultants (John Bibby / Dave Merrett attending). Many issues are being reconsidered. Defining affordable at 80%, as per UK standard, is no help in York which has very high local housing costs but still low incomes. The transport Consultant has agreed to include single traffic lane with traffic signals for the access link

through Marble Arch tunnel. DM said he'd been pushing, so far unsuccessfully, for bus priority measures to be introduced at the two ends of the proposed spine road at Water End and at the proposed alternate one way working Marble Arch tunnel. Without this, buses were going to be caught up in the increased traffic and congestion from such a major development. The Chair read out in full a proposed letter of concern. Agreed that Bus Forum would add signature to letter to express dismay at response to public feedback on York Central. **Action: Chair.**

12 York Environment Forum Transport Group Report DM reported on the last meeting and its deliberations on the Council's Front of Station proposals and its submission. **Action: DM to circulate latter.**

13 Local Bus Route Reps - proposal by Dee Boyle GC to arrange date/time for single get together meeting with local bus route representatives to discuss local bus route and timetable issues within the city. **Action: Chair.**

14 Clean Air Zone Consultation and response Note deadline of 3rd August for consultation on low emission zone strategy and scope for electric/hybrid buses. Is the enough? What should be done about introducing better standards? GC to draft a response, any contributions to GC ASAP. **Action: Chair.**

15 Front of Station Consultation and Bus Station Reports. GC referred to his / DM's positive meeting with Brendan Murphy. The forum was being given a further opportunity to comment, beyond the Forum's submission already made. Any more comments, e.g. seat quality, toilets etc to be advised to GC ASAP. DM noted that BM wasn't aware of any traffic studies having been done to justify the Council's proposals re number of bus stops, etc. DR said there should be assisted crossings. **Action: Chair.**

16 Any Other Business BN referred to problems with the Metro distribution on the buses. Because of the on bus littering problem, some drivers were taking the Metros and dumping them back at the depot. MF letter to be passed on/activated; GC to pursue with local bus companies. **Action: Chair.** AR said he'd started a dialogue with Holgate ward Cllr. Kallum Taylor on the bus station proposal and was meeting him Monday. Micklegate Cllr. Jonny Crawshaw might also attend. **Action: AR to keep Forum briefed.**

CS/DM