

## York Bus Forum Meeting Minutes

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 by Zoom

Attendees: Doreen Magill (Chair), Niall McFerran (Secretary), Alan Robinson (Membership and Finance), Geoff Beacon, Tony Hudson, Dee Boyle, Ben Hughes, Duncan Millar, Davis Stuart, Diana Robinson, Dave Merrett and John Bibby

1. Doreen Magill welcomed delegates to the first Zoom meeting. NM reported on the major items of correspondence during the past six months. An update on meetings with Councillors from the Liberal Democrat, Green and Labour parties was made, this has enabled us to better understand how we can further the aims of YBF and how the views of the association have widespread support. YBF officers have produced a 'Policy Statement' and a response to the development of the Station front.
2. Members gave their feedback as to the progress of the bus service recovery during recent weeks. There was a positive response for the Park and Ride services stopping at intermediary bus stops – **Action, NM to draft email to First and CYC about this continuing.** There was concerns that notices at some bus stops had obscured QR codes disabling time tabling information, further evidence of this was sought from members. There was also concern regarding variances of the application of the current Covid rules leading to safety issues, Dave Merrett reported that this was the duty of the Traffic Commissioners office to enforce, but this was practically difficult.
3. AR addressed the group with an update of our objections to the current plans for development of the Station. Whereas we understand the current budget may prevent the adoption of a central bus interchange on this site, we are asking that CYC plans to ensure that one can be created in future. Also, we had objected to the building of a multi-storey car park on the site, as this runs contrary to current CYC policy.
4. BH outlined his plans for possible alteration to cycle and bus routes in the city. These are extensive and Ben is to be congratulated on his work. JB suggested that we form a working group to consider these proposals further, which will be considered by the YBF officers. DR raised concerns that the alterations would lead to longer bus journeys on some routes. GB asked if anyone in the group had access to a road pricing report that was produced 10-15 years ago to help reduce traffic in the city?
5. Doreen Magill reported on a recent meeting under the title "Better Buses" where delegates from all over the country had discussed related topics. This event had occurred in place of the proposed York meeting in June and had been on-line. There was concerned raised about the viability of bus service providers as the current situation persists. Concern about the manufacturing of buses was also raised as this also has local implications. It was hoped that when the time is right the government would produce an incentive scheme to promote wider bus use again.
6. It was agreed that this is an ideal medium for the group to use for meetings and that we should proceed but there will need to be a YBF account to allow meeting to run beyond 40 minutes in future.

7. The date of the next meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup> at 17.30, details will be sent out beforehand