

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held at 6.30pm on Thursday 6th March 2008 at the Institute. Councillors Blessett, Helyar, Pelling, Lindfors-Windsor and Wallis (Committee Chairman) attended. No members of the public were present.

30/08 To receive apologies for absence.

None

31/08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None.

32/08 To adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th November 2007 and consider matters arising not on the agenda.

Written confirmation regarding the construction of the footpath/cycle path and the decision on Vehicle Activated Signs from LCC was still outstanding. The minutes of the last meeting were duly signed.

33/08 To discuss the forthcoming attendance at the "Too Young To Die" campaign at The Deepings School on 21.04.08.

Two teachers from Deepings School would be attending the course with two members from Market Deeping Town Council, Ashley Baxter from the Open Door Church and the PCSO Chris Clarke. A representative would be confirmed from Rotary/Interact and further youth groups (Scouts, Youth Centre, Rugby Club) need to be approached. **It was agreed to ask the Council in the first instance for representatives to attend the presentation.** The initiative would also be promoted at the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting.

34/08 To consider a Drop Kerb and Access Ramp Audit in the village.

The raised kerb audit is still outstanding, and LCC have mislaid the original list. This item was referred from Council 28.02.08 as a resident was unable to obtain any access to the shops in Rycroft Avenue in his mobility scooter. LCC have been advised. Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and the Clerk volunteered to conduct the audit which would be sent to LCC for action.

35/08 To consider the letter sent by Delaine Buses and copied to the Parish Council in response to the Market Place Road Closure.

The Committee had sympathy with the bus company as the diversion recommended by LCC was not a practical one, and the committee supported the alternative route taken by the bus company, although this did cut off part of Market Deeping. Although the committee felt that although the number of events needed to be maximised, the number of road closures needed to be minimised. It was noted that the loss of a Sunday bus service would be a greater loss to the community, than the scaling down of the Sunday market events, and the bus service should certainly be bringing people to the event. **It was therefore recommended that the Parish Council ask MDTC to consider these observations together with the possibility of the PCSO's walking the buses through in the future.**

36/08 To consider the Voluntary Car Scheme referred from Council 28.02.08.

The Clerk was asked to clarify the terms and conditions of the scheme, the flexibility in the range of activities lifts was given to, and to confirm who sets the cost and how cash changes hands. **It was recommended to Council that the scheme be promoted to residents, and an appeal for voluntary drivers be made in the newsletter and at the Parish Meeting and it be suggested that the Voluntary Car Scheme be invited to apply to the Council for Grant Aid.**

37/08 To confirm the budget and expenditure for 2007-8.

Expenditure for the year was confirmed at £580.52. Repairs would need to be made to the vandalised bus shelter at Thacker's Way and the £200 to the Brake organisation needed to be transferred to the next financial year. A breakdown of the committee budget is attached at **Appendix 1** to this document.

38/08 Date of next meeting.

7th August 2008 at 6.30pm in the Parish Office. As several committee members were on holiday, it was agreed that the next meeting will now take place on **Thursday 19th June at 6.30 in the Parish Office.** The meeting finished at 7.10pm

**Cllr Stuart Wallis
19th June 2008**