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Minutes of Transport Committee meeting 16th February 2017

Minutes of the Albrighton and Donington Parish Councils' Transport Committee meeting held on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Albrighton Council meeting room.

PRESENT

Cllrs. P Harrison (Chairman), D Beechey, C Hassall, P Illes, S Pledger.

In attendance: M Ward, Clerk to Albrighton Parish Council.

1. APOLOGIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence. Members are asked to give their apologies direct to the Clerk

Cllrs H Kirton, C Roseby.

Each apology was accepted by the committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Members must fill out the declarations of Interests Forms for submission.

Where a member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make representation regarding the item before leaving the meeting, they must do so under item 4(D) of Public Participation.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2017

Cllr. Beechey proposed that the minutes of the Transport Committee meeting of 19th January 2017 were a true and accurate record which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and unanimously agreed by the committee.

4. MATTERS ARISING

To consider any issues arising from the minutes that are not included on the agenda.

There were no matters arising.

5. ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 19TH JANUARY 2017

Albrighton Parish Council Transport Committee meeting held on 19th January 2017

The Clerk was asked to contact RAF Cosford and offer the Flyer for use by RAF residents including school use.

6. REPORT OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE EXTENDED USE OF THE ALBRIGHTON FLYER

To consider a proposal from Shropshire Council for the extended use of the Albrighton Flyer to include areas such as Shifnal and Sheriffhales

The Clerk informed the committee that he had received a proposal at a meeting held that morning for the Flyer to become involved with an expanded service to Shifnal and the surrounding area. Finance was available from section 106 funding arising from house building in Shifnal and the proposal had the support of Shropshire Council and Shifnal Town Council. There were many questions to be resolved but the committee was asked to consider the suggestion in general terms and decide whether they felt able to recommend to full Council involvement in further discussions to assess the practicality and desirability of an expanded scheme.

Members of the committee felt that while there were many questions about the practicalities of such a scheme which could not be answered at present the proposals deserved further consideration and agreed to recommend to full Council involvement in future discussions.

7. UPDATE ON THE SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT ALBRIGHTON FLYER WITH A NEW PURCHASE OR LEASE ARRANGEMENT AND ANY RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL COUNCIL.

To consider a report by Cllr. Illes on the replacement of the current Flyer vehicle with a possible recommendation for the use of a leased vehicle to be made to full council

Cllr. Illes produced a further summary of costs for the leasing/buying of a new vehicle to replace the existing Albrighton Flyer and went through the figures with members of the committee. He was of the view that leasing was the better option, a view that had been reinforced by the Shropshire Council representative who attended the meeting to discuss an extended Flyer service, who had offered to check the figures on the Councils' behalf. Cllr. Beechey asked that no decision should be requested from the full Council at their meeting later in the evening as Donington with Boscobel Parish Council had not had a chance to look at the figures and give a view.

Cllr. Pledger proposed that the committee should recommend to full Council that a new vehicle should be acquired using a lease scheme and that Shropshire Council should be asked to check over the latest calculations regarding leasing and buying. The motion was seconded by Cllr. Beechey and unanimously agreed by the committee.

8. UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW DRIVER ARRANGEMENTS.

Report by the Clerk on the progress of the new Flyer driver and any further steps that may need to be taken.

The Clerk reported that the new driver appointed to work on Mondays had undergone a week's training with the main driver for each day of the week so that he could gain an overview of the whole process in case he had to substitute for him due to illness or holiday. The training had gone well and he had completed one unsupervised Monday which had proceeded without incident.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed to fix the date of the next meeting once full council had decided on the acquisition of a new vehicle and discussions about an extended service to the Shifnal area were under way.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Signed Date
Chairman

