

**ALBRIGHTON AND DONINGTON PARISH COUNCILS**  
**MINUTES OF TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Albrighton library**

Minutes of the Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Parish Councils' Transport Committee held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Albrighton Council meeting room.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. D Beechey, C Hassall, P Illes.

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

In the absence of the chairman Cllr. Illes took the chair.

Cllr. Beechey asked that sufficient notice of meetings be given so that all members had the capacity to attend. The clerk agreed and reminded councillors that a notice of the date of the next meeting would be sent out automatically as a standard item following agreement in council.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Cllrs. P Harrison (family event), D Hickman (family reasons), s Pledger (holiday).

Each apology was accepted by the committee.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- **Minutes of the Transport Committee 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

Cllr. Illes asked that two amendments be made to the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 as follows:

- Agenda item 4 line 7: 'within the 25k budget to buy a replacement used vehicle',
- Agenda item 4 page 2, the motion to council: 'who would prepare a financial assessment and clarify leasing costs'.

With these two additions Cllr. Beechey proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record which was seconded by Cllr. Illes and agreed by the committee.

**3. MATTERS ARISING.**

There were no matters arising.

**4. ANY FURTHER UPDATE ON A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR THE ALBRIGHTON FLYER INCLUDING LEASING ARRANGEMENTS.**

Cllr. Illes reported that he had contacted Shropshire Council to discuss the purchase or lease of a replacement vehicle but he had not heard from the officer who he was recommended to speak to. He would keep trying.

He had contacted various providers and Evans Halshaw had given various costings including lease costs. A 15-seater minibus leased with maintenance costs included could be £995 per month while a more conventional vehicle would be £556 per month. Mercedes had a minibus specialist who was available to give advice about a possible purchase but their vehicles were very expensive to buy for a low platform version. Cllr. Illes undertook to produce a full financial statement when he had all of the data available but he was of the view that costs were rising significantly. A breakdown of costs for 2016, 2011 and 2007 produced by the Clerk showed, however, that costs in 2011 were higher than current expenses and in order to clarify whether this was an exceptional year or whether costs were reducing he agreed to provide a breakdown for each year between 2007 and 2016.

Cllr. Illes also stated that he had visited Donington with Boscobel Parish Council to give a presentation on the current position with regard to a replacement vehicle and the council was broadly supportive of the initiative.

Before closing this agenda item members of the committee discussed the situation now that the Arriva bus service had been discontinued and the possibility that the community would be left with no bus service at all at some point in the future. The implications for the Flyer were discussed but it was recognised that it was not the job of this minibus provision to replace a public scheduled bus service and neither was it legally registered to do so.

**5. UPDATE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A FLYER DRIVER TO WORK ON MONDAYS AND TO COVER ABSENCES FOR MR K WEST.**

Members were informed that two candidates were being interviewed on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November to replace Mr Wayne Harris who drove the Flyer each Monday and stood in for Mr West when he was on holiday or if he was ill. Members agreed that the recommendation regarding an appointment should be made directly to the full council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November so that the successful candidate could begin work as soon as possible.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business.

**7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting of the Transport Committee was scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.30 pm on the Albrighton Council meeting room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.08 pm.

Signed.....Date.....  
Chairman