

**ALBRIGHTON AND DONINGTON COUNCILS
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
6th October 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Albrighton Council
meeting room**

Minutes of the meeting of the Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel Councils' Transport Committee held on 6th October 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Albrighton Parish Council meeting room.

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. H Kirton (another engagement).

Cllr. Kirton's apologies were accepted by the committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY 2016.

Cllr. Hassall proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record which was seconded by Cllr. Pledger and agreed by the committee 4 – 0 with 1 abstention.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Cllr. Harrison thanked Cllrs. Hassall, Illes and Pledger for their comments on the poster to be displayed in the Albrighton Flyer and elsewhere advertising the service. The committee agreed that a reference to the need to be a member of the Flyer organisation before using the vehicle needed to be added to the poster. Cllr. Harrison agreed to make the necessary alterations and distribute the revised version.

Cllr. Roseby was asked to consider taking on the chair of the Transport Committee in the future and he said that he would make a decision regarding this request before the next meeting.

4. REPORT BY CLLR. ILLES REGARDING THE SUGGESTED REPLACEMENT OF THE ALBRIGHTON FLYER VEHICLE.

Cllr. Illes went through his paper previously distributed to members and stressed that the maintenance costs and repairs to the current vehicle were high despite the fact that the vehicle was not particularly old and the mileage was low. Members noted that the labour charges appeared to be high and the figures made no allowance for depreciation costs. The hoist for wheel chair users had proved costly and it had been a particular problem. The current MOT would not expire until August 2017 and there was a need to make maximum use of the Flyer in order to produce a good income. There were sufficient council reserves to buy a replacement used vehicle within the £25,000 budget and members agreed that a ramp facility was a better option than a hoist. Members agreed that it would be wise for the committee to consult Shropshire Council and obtain their advice before any final decision was made regarding a particular model if the two councils agreed to a replacement. There was also discussion regarding possible contributions from neighbouring councils

who might also have users of the service and members thanked Cllr. Illes for all of his hard work in preparing the background information which had proved very helpful and informative.

Cllr. Pledger proposed that the committee should recommend the purchase of a replacement vehicle after further consultations were complete which was seconded by Cllr. Illes who would prepare a financial assessment and clarify leasing costs. The motion was agreed by the committee 5 – 0 with 1 abstention.

Cllr. Illes and Cllr. Roseby agreed to look into the matter further and report back to the next meeting of the committee.

5. UPDATE AND FURTHER ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW FLYER DRIVER TO REPLACE MR W HARRIS.

Members noted that there had been interest in the position by a local resident which was being investigated. The matter had been referred to the council Personnel Committee for further action.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Members discussed the possibility of the Flyer being made available for evening bingo sessions taking place at the Sports and Social Club and whether any such work could be incorporated into the driver's current hours. The clerk was asked to investigate the possibilities and discuss with the current driver.

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Transport Committee would take place on Thursday 3rd November 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Albrighton Parish Council meeting room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

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