

# Transport **MINUTES**

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## **Test Valley Transport Action Group**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 3.00pm in Crosfield Hall Annex, Romsey.

### **Present:**

David Bidwell (Chair)  
Vivien Messenger (TVBC)  
Sheila Ridge (ENHAM)  
John White (Romsey Good Neighbours)  
Mr Evans (Grateley PC)  
John Perry (Broughton Parish Council)  
Peter Kennesion (Houghton Parish Council)

### **1. Apologies and Welcome**

Apologies:           Hannah Baker (HCC)  
                          Annie Tomlinson (TVBC)  
                          Linda Bagwell (John Hanson School Governor)  
                          Dick Hewett (Test Valley Community Services)  
                          Michael Leggatt (Royal Hants County Hospital)  
                          Janet Whiteley (Stockbridge Parish Council)

David Bidwell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 18 April 2007.

### **3. Community Plan Update**

VM reported on the LSP AGM which had taken place on 14 June 2007 at Hilliers Arboretum. Bernard Sully had introduced the revised Community Plan which in the transport section contains the aim and four outcomes agreed by the group in previous meetings. Members of the group requested a copy of the revised Community Plan.

**Action: VM to e-mail copy of community plan to TAG members.**

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At the AGM talks were also given on Andover Vision, Longparish Plan and Romsey 2020 as examples of community planning at a local level and some practical examples of partnership working were described in talks relating to a Community Day arranged in Andover for migrant workers and Andover food bank..

#### 4. Transport, Action Group Action Plan

VM had circulated to the group a draft action plan, based on discussion at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April for the group to comment on and to the other LSP groups for their feedback also. A few comments had been received back and these have been incorporated into a revised action plan. The Health and Well Being group suggested it would be good to work together with regard to access to hospitals and the Community Development Action group identified links with their action plan relating to providing transport information since they are looking at co-ordinating a directory of services and transport would be included in that, and they were taking services to people such as the Turnaround shop thus ensuring accessibility to services.

VM reported that with regard to the outcome of improving availability of public transport information, HCC are in the initial stages of preparing a pilot study in Winchester District.

John White said that at the Transport Forum, held the day, before various pilot studies had been mentioned and that it would be useful for the group to know more about the work being carried out by HCC and who was responsible for different projects. It was agreed that someone from HCC should be invited to attend the next meeting to explain the structure and how TAG fits into it. There was some concern that the dates of Transport Forum and TAG meeting had been so close and it was suggested that in future they be at different times.

It was suggested that Carol Gerrett from Neighbourcare be invited to the meeting also.

**Action: VM to invite HCC rep to next meeting and check dates of future meetings.**

#### 5. Update on other Transport Matters

- A Community Rail Partnership covering the railway service between Salisbury and Southampton has been set up with support from HCC, TVBC, Salisbury District Council, Eastleigh Borough Council and Southampton City Council, First Great Western and South West trains. This will try to encourage greater use of rail services and community involvement in improving the stations.
- Bus tenders for southern Test Valley are due to be renewed and HCC is consulting on this over the next few months. Lack of a direct bus service to Southampton Hospital and connecting bus service to Romsey railway station

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were pointed out, and the chairman suggested the group put forward other services they considered important.

- VM reported that a meeting has been arranged with the train operator and Hampshire County Council and TVBC to discuss improvements to Romsey Railway Station. A new pedestrian phase has recently been added to the lights at Alma Road for ease of access to the station. The need for a disabled access to the eastern platform and a nearby bus connection were considered important and overdue.
- Improvements to the Tadburn Stream footpath in Romsey are currently being implemented.

## **6. Progress on Access to Hospitals Pilot**

An action plan is being jointly prepared with a list of possible actions being investigated in more detail prior to any formal agreement of which actions to progress.

## **7. Any other business**

John Perry requested a list of those schools in the Borough which had not yet completed their school travel plan.\*

More feedback on suggestions put forward by the group would be welcomed. For example the suggestion relating to diverting the bus service down Chilbolton Avenue to Winchester Hospital. VM said that Annie Tomlinson will provide feedback from the health pilot to the group when actions have been agreed.

**Action: VM to supply a list of schools\*. AT to keep group informed of progress with the health pilot.**

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm in Conference Room 5, Beech Hurst. The meeting after that will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 3.00pm in the Small Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey.

\* A list of schools in Test Valley and their progress on school travel plans as at 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 is attached to the minutes.