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Test Valley Transport Action Group

Wednesday 18th April 2007 at 5.30pm in Conference Room 5, Beech Hurst, Andover.

Present:

Councillor David Bidwell (Chair)
Vivien Messenger (TVBC)
Linda Bagwell (John Hanson School Governor)
Michael Leggate (Royal Hants County Hospital)
Sheila Ridge (ENHAM)
Dick Hewett (Test Valley Community Services)
John White (Romsey Good Neighbours)
Mr. Evans (Grately PC)
Peter Robinson (Stagecoach)

1. Apologies and Welcome

Apologies: Jean Lowe (Braishfield Parish Council)
 John Perry (Broughton Parish Council)
 Hannah Baker (HCC)
 Annie Tomlinson (TVBC)
 Carolyn Nixson (Friends of the Earth)

Councillor Bidwell welcomed everyone to the meeting and members of the group introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 6th December 2006

Councillor Bidwell reported he had responded to the issues and options paper of the Core Strategy.

3. Community Plan Workshop Review

Councillor Bidwell reported that the workshop had been well attended and that it was particularly useful to have some of the various transport providers and the health service

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represented. A note of the workshop had been circulated in advance of the meeting. (Peter Robinson and Linda Bagwell reported they had not received the notes).

Action VM to send notes of workshop to Peter Robinson and Linda Bagwell

Councillor Bidwell briefly summarised the outcome from the workshop and the transport issues which had been considered to be of highest importance to the group. The wording for the 'aim' was agreed on by those attending at the workshop after a detailed discussion. Four outcomes had been put forward based on the discussion during the workshop with an indication from those attending of the importance to be attached to each of the issues.

It was considered that the four outcomes broadly reflected the discussion at the workshop. Dick Hewett stated only the aim of more use of public transport to reduce the number of cars on the road was not being reflected in the outcomes, and this could be overcome by including publicising in the first outcome. Whilst the operators are responsible for their own promotion HCC and TVBC already assist with promoting awareness of services, and more could be done to raise the public's awareness of the various services/alternatives available.

Michael Leggate enquired whether the hospital pilot group was aware of the travel to hospital leaflet on Eastleigh Borough Council's website and the Royal Hants hospital transport leaflet. Vivien Messenger said that Annie Tomlinson from TVBC was directly involved in the health pilot study and that she would pass the information on. Michael Leggate requested to be involved in meetings of the pilot study as a representative from the hospital.

Action VM to pass details to Annie Tomlinson.

4. Community Plan, Action Plan and Indicators

Vivien Messenger explained that in preparation for the review of the Community plan the group were being consulted on the draft aims and outcomes and preparation of an action plan was the next stage. The action plan should include some base indicators which could be used to indicate progress on different issues.

It was agreed that the existing priorities of access to health and preparation of school travel plans were still important and should be retained along with the new issues identified.

The importance of working as a group to co-ordinate and publicise information on transport provision was highlighted. John White also identified the problems of targeting the appropriate customers, especially vulnerable groups, and the need to tailor services to suit their needs.

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The flexible use of transport and identifying new ways of looking at provision especially in the rural areas was considered to be important, with demand responsive transport schemes being seen as a means of providing these. The group considered it could be useful to invite someone from HCC to discuss demand responsive community transport schemes.

It was agreed that VM should prepare a draft action plan for circulation to the group taking on board comments made during the meeting and at the workshop.

Action VM to prepare and circulate action plan and investigate inviting someone to talk on demand responsive transport.

5. Update on other Transport Matters

- Peter Robinson reported that Stagecoach were introducing new minibuses on routes A and B in Andover town centre.
- Dick Hewitt reported that Romsey 2020 group were meeting with the passenger transport planner at HCC to discuss bus services in Romsey.
- Work is progressing towards preparing Town Access Plans for Romsey and Andover.
- An exhibition of proposals for improvements to London Street/ Bridge Street Andover will be on display at beginning of May.

6. Any other business

- Sheila Ridge enquired whether Cango operators and regular bus services could co-ordinate services since at Enham they seemed to arrive close together.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting had been suggested as Wednesday 4th July 2007 at 5.00pm but an alternative date, and preferably a time during the working day, was proposed by those attending the meeting.

The date for the next meeting has therefore now been set for Thursday 5th July at 3.00pm in the Crosfield Hall Annex, Romsey.