

PEACEHAVEN AND TELSCOMBE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2002. 6.30PM
IN ROOM 1 AT THE MERIDIAN CENTRE

Present: John Carden – Group Leader, Jean Couture – Local Resident, Barbara Powell – Local Resident, John Levett – Eastbourne & Co Community Transport, Claudia Lindsay – House Project (Minutes).

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence: Jill and Ronald Fry.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Jean Couture noted that her name was not on the minutes of the last meeting, although she was present at the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record's

3. Matters Arising from Last Minutes:

The problems with the 14C seem to have been alleviated, with the new Winter timetable cutting out the service to the Marina, except for Sundays, therefore the 14C goes to the hospital and then to the station every half hour throughout the day, from the Meridian Centre.

It was discussed why the 14C from Brighton Station does not go to Newhaven, as there does not seem to be a 14C service to East Peacehaven, through to Newhaven. Barbara Powell is to gather information on this to be discussed further with Roger French of Brighton and Hove Buses. It was also noted that the service in East Saltdean was bad.

4. New Members of the Group:

Welcome to John Levett from Eastbourne and Co Community Transport who has joined the group.

5. Countryside Agency/Taxi Rider proposals – Progress Report:

John Levett expressed concern about the amount of people who are interested in the Taxi Rider service and suggested to John Carden that they meet to discuss the way forward for the tender of this, with spreadsheets in sensible format and what type of bid they will be looking at, for example, the Rural Transport Partnership.

John Carden said that the Taxi Rider needs better morning services (from 7am) and between 3pm and 6pm, as the daytime tends to be quieter. A recent Transport Survey had suggested that people wanted better evening services in Peacehaven, East Saltdean and Telscombe. The Resident's Association are looking at advertising the Taxi Rider. John also said that the current Taxi Rider has to turn people away on Saturdays, as it is very popular with the Marina/Asda service. John also noted that the East side of Peacehaven is not included in the Taxi Rider service and this would need to be discussed further.

John also said that he was possibly looking to include Companies in the service (to the Industrial Estate) and also perhaps an additional school service.

John Levett suggested looking into buses with lowering floors for buggies and wheelchairs, with the numerous speed bumps and plateaus in Peacehaven to be taken into account as well.

6. Any Other Business:

It was suggested that a copy of the Transport Survey be sent to all members of the working group for reference.

John Carden and John Levett are to meet to discuss the way forward with the proposals for the Taxi Rider service.

John Carden will invite David Neighbour, John Livings, Des Turner and Roger French to the next Transport Working Group meeting.

It was noted that the cycle lane to Newhaven was discussed at the Commercial and Retail Working Group meeting last week as being dangerous and unsuitable for riding on. It was also said that the new electronic bus stop information boards are not working; they all say 'see timetable below' on them.

7. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting: Monday 21st October 2002, 6.30pm at the Meridian Centre.

