

DT11 TAG minutes
25th February 2014
Blandford Parish Rooms

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<p>1. Introduction –</p> <p>2. Presentation by Allan Peters Wheels to Work – Moped scheme</p>	<p>Nic welcomed everyone. A change of order in the agenda as Allan Peters needed to leave early so gave his presentation on Wheels to Work first.</p> <p>A 16 year old can drive a 50cc moped and a 17 year old – larger. This scheme is designed for people that otherwise wouldn't be able to access transport/get to work. The old scheme where the vehicles were hired was not sustainable. So instead of hiring vehicles they work with the Credit union and obtain cheap loans. Jackets and helmets are discounted by 60%. The loan is repayable from allowance they get as NEETS. Also, some parents may be able to afford to buy the bike themselves. It is not restricted to 17-18 year olds and it is a loan to own scheme. Because the bikes are owned by us initially the insurance companies will give 50% off.</p> <p>South Tarrant PC only have one youngster that might like to use it. Nic suggested that everyone speak to their PC's to see if there would be enough interest to start the scheme in the DT11 area.</p> <p>Synergy Housing are supporting the start-up of the scheme. If it is successful then when the loans are repaid this money can be reinvested.</p> <p>The Youth club, Blandford School, TREADS and Youth Aid have been asked to provide feedback on likely demand.</p> <p>Question:- Is this the solution to cover the bus cuts? – No.</p>	<p>TAG members to feedback information to Julie DT11</p>
<p>3. Minutes</p>	<p>We didn't produce minutes at last meeting – instead our discussions were sent out in the form of a bus response to DCC in advance of the consultation.</p> <p>Question, did we get a reply from Bob Walters? No although Nic has spoken to him.</p> <p>Question re: bus service in Bryanston. John Cummings points out there is a Thursday and Saturday bus service no. 311 – hale and ride Bryanston and the 316.</p> <p>Is the 184 being kept on on the Saturday? John confirms that the 184 will continue but subsidies are stopping on Sunday.</p> <p>If the X8 continues to run on Sundays then you would be able to get to Salisbury via Poole.</p> <p>Adam Clean operations manager for Wilts & Dorset and also is manager for Damory. Only been in post for 2.5 weeks so still trying to get head round it. They will continue to run the X8 on a Sunday (on</p>	

	<p>their own risk and without subsidy). Timetable will remain pretty much the same. Reviews take place mid May every year.</p> <p>They can't keep up the evening services on Friday and Saturday as the figures don't stack up. It was pointed out that this evening service was fought for by the young people years ago so is very disappointing it's stopping. Unfortunately the services is not being used so is not cost effective. NEETS need a cheaper bus fare to enable them to use the buses. There is a concession for younger people but this finishes at 7pm. Adam will let us know about the timetable and whether it is possible to reduce the fare's for younger people. His colleague is at parliament today discussing that very thing.</p> <p>Q. The no. 83 from Shaftesbury – Wimborne? Whats happening? This service has been deregistered – X9 Blandford – Gillingham and connects to X8. Sturminster Marshall – Wimborne is covered by Wimborne. Wednesday service 315 – Ringwood – Wimborne.</p>	
<p>4. Replacement of low use services</p>	<p>The TAG is being asked to look into Community schemes as a way of replacing cut services.</p> <p>Nic drew everyone's attention to the Dorset Minibus directory – NORDCAT £5 per year day before, ask for transport to make a journey the following day. Free with a bus pass otherwise £3-£4 for a single journey. Everyone is keen to find out more about it.</p> <p>As an example NORDCAT service operates from Winterborne Kingston – only operates on a Monday for each village – you only get just over an hour for shopping so may not be very helpful?</p> <p>Eric carried out a survey of all the minibus services that are available – this is now in the form of the minibus directory.</p> <p>Some Parish's didn't know about the existence of the directory. However, DT11 emailed it to all members and parishes over a month ago. The link for the minibus directory is: http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=191517&filetype=pdf</p> <p>John will talk to Adam to see if there's something they can do about a summer service on Sundays.</p> <p>Margo mentions that fundraising continues in order to subsidise the Bus2Go service which is a very well used service and is often booked up. Some feel that they shouldn't have to be paying anything to use a service. Margo points out that times are changing and gone are the days where we can expect something for nothing.</p> <p>Dorset Community Transport – we need to get all the schemes together. It needs to be made clear what each scheme does. Hugh reminded us of the Community car scheme directory. This is a site on Dorset for you where you enter your postcode and it lets you know all services that are available in your area (including community car schemes). Here's the link:- http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/mylocal/</p> <p>Margo – there is another model that could be brought into use.... at spectrum there is a resource centre – the bus service can be used in down time between 9.30 – 3.30 within a 25 mile radius. However, to make this happen they need volunteers.</p>	<p>Nic will find more info from NORDCAT</p> <p>John/Adam to report back at next TAG meeting</p>

<p>5. Isolation and exclusion of young people.</p>	<p>Community Transport scheme 316 – Blandford – Wareham 2-3 hours shopping time in Blandford. Apparently stopping due to lack of passengers but it has had around 11 passengers. How many passengers does it need to keep running?</p> <p>John is attending an Environment overview committee meeting on the 27th March. And they will be looking at the 316 – options to revise service or leave it as it is. Unfortunately they haven't got the money to reinstate it as they are over budget.</p> <p>3rd April is the last operation day for 316.</p> <p>John mentions that the 325 into Blandford has been saved as 3 villages would have been without a service. This service is likely to survive for a year.</p> <p>Margo suggests using Neighbour car. We need to forget the past and embrace new ideas and opportunities. We need to accept that everything has a cost.</p> <p>Nic says it's important that we get the information out there.</p> <p>Hugh – a bit issue is young people getting into town – how can community car schemes work for younger people?</p>	
<p>6. Future meetings subjects to be addressed</p>	<p>How we can improve the community services?</p> <p>Excursions? Could we ask the bus companies if they would be willing to put paid excursions on?</p>	<p>TAG members to come back to DT11 with items they would like discussed at next meeting.</p>
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>Are there published figures of passengers per service? No, nothing produced as yet.</p> <p>Each village needs a transport champion... that's the only way the information will get out there.</p> <p>Margo's aim has always been having a transport champion/co-ordinator in each village.</p> <p>Nic will look into MORE BUS buses into Poole</p> <p>John – stop in West Street – lot of money spent, reason for which putting a raised step and real time post – have been let down by the contractor fixing the shelter – is supposed to be put up tomorrow. The road works next to it are the base for the shelter. Barry & John have been doing all they can to get it finished for months but have been let down by suppliers.</p> <p>Scott – we will speak to the DAPTC to see if they can sort champions then a seminar will be held to let the champions know what's available.</p>	<p>Nic/More bus?</p> <p>Scott/DT11 to speak to DAPTC</p>
<p>8. Date of next meeting.</p>	<p>Tuesday 25th March at 2pm – Emmaeus Room, Blandford Parish Centre – meeting to co-ordinate community transport schemes.</p> <p>Open meeting Tuesday 29th April at 2pm Blandford Parish Centre</p>	