



DT11 FORUM

community partnership

DT11 TAG Minutes

29th April 2014

Corn Exchange Blandford

		Action
1. Welcome	Nic thanked everyone for coming along and expressed that this meeting was being held to issue a response to DCC regarding the reduction in bus services. We are not here to compile a list of complaints, we need to come up with ideas on what we can do about it and try to persuade DCC to think imaginatively.	
2. Apologies	Hugo Meiville	
3. Minutes of last meeting	Minutes agreed	
4. Matters arising and 5. Community Transport Service	<p>Nic updated the group following our meeting with Community Transport Service providers last week. We:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified who does what. • Discussed the mini-bus directory • Dorset Community Transport Services agreed in principle that school buses could be used to provide a regular bus service on certain positioning routes. DT11 are going to contact the parishes to see what routes this could help with. Tim Christian from Dorset Community Transport suggested that it may be possible to replace the 316 Blandford – Bere Regis but this would not be concessionary. • The buses could also be used by volunteers to set up a bus service as they are idle between school time – with volunteers an additional service such as Bus2Go could also be set up. • How do we reach people not on the internet? We suggested a travel info sheet in the BVM and Forum Focus – Chris Chandler volunteered to edit this. • The Transport enquiries number is: 01305 221053 • We are looking for village champions – POPP's are investigating. 	
6. X8 Stur - Blandford	6 people use this as a commuter service – if this is removed they have no way to get to Poole.	

	John Cummings explained that this is short term funded until the end of the school term. It's going to cabinet to see if the funding is available in the future. This is ongoing and we will need to lobby DCC in order to keep it. John is asking for a X10 service which will serve the same route but will stop at villages along the way. We should lobby to save the morning service and the 6.40pm service. John suggested investigating the possibility of asking for a flexibly registered service which can take people where they need to go....He also pointed out that the late time's Blandford-Shaftesbury are also under threat.	Lobby Dorset County Council to keep required service times.
7. 25/83 Wimborne - Blandford	The evidence is being reviewed and we need to write to County Councillors and this is the last opportunity to do this. John said the amount of people that use this is low but David Bird disagrees and says that their figures are flawed. Nic has asked for details to be passed to him so he can use it as evidence. Nic asked if it's possible for the X8 and 88 to connect which would give a service to Wimborne. John said it wouldn't be easy but could be investigated. David Bird is concerned that any effort/opinions/evidence that is gathered is being ignored.	Forward evidence of use of these services to Nic and he will write to DCC
8. 311 Blandford - Milton Abbas - Dorchester	Residents in Milton Abbas can only get into Blandford on a Thursday. There is a maximum of 10 people who use it. There is no Saturday service, therefore nowhere for youngsters to go. John mentioned the 183 runs along the A354 to Dorchester. He suggested it could run via Milton Abbas. Jennifer Harris of Milton Abbas Parish Council said this would be good.	John Cummings to investigate running the 183 via Milton Abbas.
9. Other Routes	Chris Chandler asked whose responsibility is it to change the timetables on the bus stops? John said it's the bus companies and they have been very slow. John has offered to put together timetables of specific villages so they can be displayed in each village on the notice boards. If this is something that you would like please let me know – Julie@dt11forum.org.uk and I'll forward you're request to John. Keith Yarwood asked if the texting service is in real time or timetable time – John said a bit of both but with new technology the system is being improved.	Parishes to forward request for village timetable to Julie Wigg
10. Local Transport Sheet	Chris Chandler volunteered to edit this sheet. TAG to seek funding for publication in BVM and Forum Focus from community groups and DCC community transport services.	Nic / Julie
11.16+ Transport to training and education from September	John suggested that we put pressure on the major bus company to provide a key card that offers 90 individual days – this is aimed at students that don't use the bus every day. This has been implemented very successfully on the IOW. Rural wheels 2 work scheme – This scheme is ready to go and although not set up as a company yet people can ring up, complete paperwork and apply for a loan. A reasonable loan rate has been secured through First Dorset Credit Union.	Nic to write to Manager at Go Ahead about this.
12. AOB	John said West street bus stop is now finished with the first disability access in North Dorset. John is hoping that with	

	<p>funding they've got they can raise all 32 kerbs in Blandford up to disability standard.</p> <p>John said there is £25,000 funding available for this work. If anyone has ideas on where this should be spent please get in touch with him.</p>	
14. Date of next meeting.	Community Transport Service Providers – 5 th June 2014 at 2pm Venue to be confirmed.	