

## TAG Meeting Notes and Action Points 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015

### 1. **Welcome.**

### 2. **Update of DT11 Transport Action Group Actions & Newsletter**

Nic ran through each item mentioned in the newsletter. He updated everyone on DT11's successes.

a. **90 day non-consecutive keycard Scheme.** The bus companies have agreed this scheme but we're still not sure when it will be implemented. **NN to chase MoreBus and JC**

b. **Bus to London.** Overwhelming support for this. **NN to speak to JC and BFTC.**

c. **Marsh and Ham Bus Terminal.** Concerns re: congestion, particularly on Thursdays and Saturdays when it is already difficult to park. Advantage is that East Street congestion will be relieved as although the bus stop will still be there the buses won't be waiting to change over. Raised kerbs were queried, however, it was pointed out that most new buses now have lower steps so raised kerbs eventually won't be needed. **JC to clarify. NN to contact BFTC.**

d. **Pedestrianisation of Blandford Town Centre.** Overwhelming support for this. Hopefully this would encourage people to use Langton Long Car Park. **NN to continue lobbying idea will speak to BFTC.**

### 3. **DCC Transport Services Update – JC**

Unfortunately John Cumming's was unable to make the meeting.

### 4. **Community Transport Update**

a. **Bus2Go** is going from strength to strength, often having to book 3-4 buses for each trip. They work from their Community Office in Spectrum one afternoon a week and the website is now up and running.

b. **Durweston/Blandford School bus.** DT11 have been informed that Dorset County Council Democratic Services will be meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April to make the decision regarding the withdrawal of the school bus.

c. **Dorset Community Transport** are keen to encourage creative thinking in order to work with the community and fill in the gaps left by the bus services.

### 5. **Open Forum**

a. **X8** due to its circuit (up Gurkha way, round the ring road and back into East Street) – the time allowed for doing this journey is not enough so it's often late due to traffic hold ups in East Street.

b. **No. 325** The residents in the Tarrants and Chettle are worried that they may lose the later bus service as the majority of Pimperne residents come back on the 318.

c. **X8 bus service to Poole** Another strong request for the reinstatement of the evening service on a Friday and Saturday evening to enable people to socialise in Poole. **NN to speak to JC.**

d. **X8 connection with the no. 88 to get to Wimborne from Blandford.** Because buses are never on time the 2 min overlap allowed on the timetable means that people are frequently stuck in Sturminster Marshall for up to 3 hours. MoreBus should be persuaded to make this a guaranteed connection.

e. **No. 311 Bryanston service on Thursday.** There is now only one service per week 10am and return at 12.25. This is not enough time. Residents would like a daily service 10am and return and 5pm. **BC to investigate demand for DCT bus for Bryanston residents.**

f. **Damory School bus service** complaint received from a School Governer regarding poor reliability. Services are frequently late in both directions and parents are often asked to make alternative arrangements in order to get their children to school on time. **NN to investigate.**

g. **RTI on bus stops** A complaint from a resident in Winterborne Whitechurch about the lateness of buses. RTI is required at bus stops along this route. It was queried whether the bus stops that do have RTI are displaying up to date information – it was confirmed that this information is now in real time.

h. **Timetable mistake in our leaflet.** Service 325 Thu. Final time (East St) – 1105 is incorrect - it should be 1022.

6. **Date of next meeting.** The DT11 TAG will continue meeting regularly with the Community Transport Service Providers and will arrange another open meeting in 3-4 months time.