

## **DT11 TAG Meeting Action Points – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

1. **Welcome** – Nic Nicol, Julie Wigg, Erica Pretty, John Cumming, Paul McKintosh, Chris Hook, Chris Chandler, Tim Christian, Margo Kirk.

**Apologies** – Adam Keen, Nigel Hodder

2. **Update of DT11 Transport Action Group Actions – Nic Nicol**

Pedestrianisation – On behalf of Damory Adam Keen (via email) objected to the proposals. Nic replied and reassured the group that consultation would take place. One proposal is for partial pedestrianisation with bollards in the market place taking traffic up Sheep Market Hill and make Whitecliff Mill Street 2 way. Once the proposal has been drawn up a consultation will take place.

John Cumming would like to ensure buses still serve the market place but would like to see traffic removed.

Chris Hook said that all sustainable travel should be considered. He suggested the TAG group link in with the Weymouth Master Plan.

**90 day non-consecutive keycard Scheme.** We have been advised that the scheme should be implemented in September.

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

**Bus to London.** DT11 have received overwhelming support for this. JC has been in touch with National Express and thinks operationally it shouldn't be a problem– he suggests incorporating Blandford on the 035 route which would mean a 7am pickup in Blandford and 6pm return from London. **(Nic, I don't seem to have an action for this...who was going to follow up?)**

**Marsh and Ham Bus Terminal.** JC said in the past when the Market Place has been closed for an event the only alternative was the stop at Tesco, Blandford St Mary which meant a long walk for passengers. If the buses can use the Marsh & Ham car park this would mean that passengers can be dropped off more centrally when events are taking place. However, NDDC are not keen. Tim asked if parking spaces would be lost. JC said not as there are bays already there. **NN to email Kevin Morris. PM will also discuss with Kevin.**

### **Timetable changes –**

**325** - DCC have confirmed that this will continue as is for the foreseeable future.

**X12 (was 183/184)** – This has been rebranded so there is 1 bus number of end to end journeys making it clearer and hopefully increasing usage. This service costs £370k pa.

**X10** – DCC trying to get service to stop at Shillingstone railway carpark.

**X9** – DCC are trying to extend the 4pm journey to go beyond Shaftesbury to help Gillingham School pupils who live in Iwerne Minster.

**X8** – No Changes. DCC is still considering the viability of reinstating the evening service.

**317** – DCC have received reports of the unreliability of the arrival time in Blandford. They will be 'tweaking' the timetable to help ensure reliability.

Paul asked if it was possible to provide a community route in Blandford before 9am. DCC is still looking into the X12.

JC reports that the problem with congestion along East Street has been solved by moving the X8,9 and 10 to West Street. NN said a number of people have applauded the changes.

**Langton Road carpark** – JC said there are still 4 bays there and coaches should be directed to use these. Is there a publication showing where coaches should go? **(Nic – sorry I didn't get who was going to query this either!)**

4. **DT11 Transport Action Group leaflet** – It was agreed to reproduce this on less expensive paper and to distribute via the BVM and advertise in the Forum Focus. Once proof received JW to get quotes for printing and distribution (c.10,000) and will contact DCC for help with costs. (email Chris Hook - cp.hook@dorsetcc.gov.uk.)  
**Action: CC initial changes to make – Blandford Car club is now part of Co-Cars and has new telephone number. Bus2Go's telephone number and website needs adding. Add Damory telephone number and Traveline telephone number.**
5. **Community Transport Update**

**Blandford Car Club** – is now part of Co-Cars. The branding has changed and there is improved customer services. The Blandford car has been used but needs more marketing. Paul would like to see it remain in Blandford but it's up to Co-Cars.

**POPP** – Erica is trying to map every area covered by a community car scheme. Once done she will contact Parish Councils to try and fill in gaps. **Action: JW to forward contact list of PC's.**

**Bus2Go** is still often having to book 3-4 buses for each trip and have some new volunteers. Margo said the Well & Connected event was very successful for Bus2Go and she has made some very useful contacts.

**Durweston/Blandford School bus.** Councillors have agreed not to withdraw the Stourpaine – Durweston school bus. However, CH has confirmed the Stourpaine – Blandford school bus is still under review but doesn't expect any decision to be made for

at least a year. JW suggested that parents of children who use the bus are included in any reviews/consultations as eventually this will save DCC a lot of time and money.

**Dorset Community Transport** have won funding for a new minibus which will be made available any day of the week and will not be restricted to around school use. It is anticipated that this bus will be available early next year. They have also been awarded funding by DCF to consult with the Parish Councils and Margo to see where the real area of need is. The plan is to tailor services to whatever is needed eg. for villages without a service. There will be a consultation process first and a pilot scheme to generate awareness of what is possible. **Action: JW to forward contact list of Parish Councils & DAPTC to Tim and Erica.**

5. **AOB** - DCC have employed a Community Engagement Officer (Joseph Prose) to look into where the gaps are. The total transport pilot fund is £180k and this will be used to map out transport across Dorset and show where needs are. CH wants to find out how best to use the assets DCC already have.

6. Date of next meeting – JW to confirm