

WEST DORSET WESTERN AREA TRANSPORT ACTION GROUP (WATAG)

Minutes of General Meeting No.79 held in the W.I. Hall Bridport on July 25th 2014

Present: Monica Burt (50+ Forum); Brian Cox (Bridport); Debbie Fiddik (DCC Passenger Transport); Alan Glenn (Askerswell); Ian Gray (Dorset Community Transport); Sue Herman (WATAG & POPP); Adam Keen (Damory); Dominic Knorpel (Dorset POPP); Dave Marsh (Thorncombe); Mary Marsh (Thorncombe); Peter Ridler (Dottery); Sally Samuel (Beaminster Town Council); Philip Sankey (Lyme Forward); John Snow (Yarn Barton, Beaminster); Dick Webster (Bridport); Alan Williams (WATAG); Mark Williams (First); Peter Smith (WATAG & Symondsburypc)

Apologies: Bob Driscoll; Freda Hennessey; Neil Hurlock; Mike Nicholls; Geoff Parr; Dave Rickard; Sally Welford; John Collingwood; Anna Lovell

1.Minutes: The minutes of the 78th GM were signed as correct.

2. Matters Arising: there were none which were not already on the agenda.

3. Bus Operators News: Adam for Damory reported:

- a) that the No. 40 bus would now run the full timetable to Yeovil 6 days a week all the year round.
- b) Damory had taken over Mike Halford's services 42 and 76 as Mike had retired and had retained the staff
- c) There was a request that the 71 should alter its round slightly to take in a new housing estate in Lyme Regis

Mark for First reported that the timetables will change at the end of September but that registration has not taken place yet.

4 Dorset Community Transport: Ian Gray reminded the meeting that this scheme had started in 2011 and was filling in some of the gaps left by the cuts. It is talking to people in Thorncombe at the moment.

5.Information from DCC: Debbie said a) the No. 40 college bus was subsidised by Yeovil college and Somerset CC in term time but otherwise Damory was running it as a totally commercial service.

- b) They were looking again at a Saturday service in Lyme for the 71
- c) There would be a new set of timetables in September
- d) John Snow pointed out that the 73 bus just fails to connect with the train at Maiden Newton and asked whether this could be looked at.
- e) The software to pinpoint passengers on routes arrives next week.
- f) The 210 and community buses in Burton Bradstock area are being looked at.

6. Real Time Info: Alan reported that there are still problems in Bridport outside Nationwide. He said that people need to report the inaccuracies to get action!

7. Country cars: Erica was not at the meeting but Sue will try and get a report from her to go in the minutes. *(Erica reports that there is no change since her last update to WATAG)*

8. Disabled Access at Dorchester West: Alan Bradley has taken over the task of sorting this out.

9. Democratic Moment: a) There was a short discussion about the potential redesigning of Dorchester South.
b) The meeting was told that work on the electrification of the Gt. Western route would mean that there would be a complete blockage east of Bath to the Weymouth line. Passengers should raise their concerns to the Heart of Wessex Partnership. c) It was pointed out that signage at Miles Cross obscures the view of the road (this has already been raised with the Highways Agency and will be followed up).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.15.

The next meeting is on Sept. 25th at 6.30pm in the WI Hall North St Bridport

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