

WINSLOW & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS
Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 25th March 2015
at The Bell 3 pm

Present:

Trish Cawte	Chair / WTC
Sue Marchant	Co ordinator
Fiona Holmes	Treasurer / Volunteer Driver
Jan Pentony	Trustee / Volunteer Driver
Sheila Cadge	Trustee / Volunteer Driver
Alan Eatwell	Trustee
Andy Terry	Prospective Trustee

1 Apologies

June Hodges

2 Acceptance of minutes of meeting on 26th February 2015

These were accepted & signed by TC

3 Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

SM has spoken to garage re glass in back door

4 Coordinator's Report

*The bus went for its 8 weekly check on Tuesday 10th March This was followed by a full service on 16th Had to have 2 new front tyres & yellow passenger handle secured

I also mentioned the bus was sounding noisy & had a squeak on fns.

Squeak identified as nsf ball joint & I was told noise was the gearbox diff.

A driver reported on Monday night that it was noisy & some warning lights had come on.

I drove Tuesday 24th to Cambridge, but aborted the trip after MK as noise was becoming very loud & a brake warning light had come on. I didn't know what was causing it & was not prepared to drive the bus in that condition

It has been identified as a rear differential problem & seems to be a long & expensive job. The garage is having difficulty tracking down parts & so far they are costed at £1700

I have hired a minibus from Practical Van Hire. It is unsatisfactory though luckily we only have service runs to do & the Westcroft bus is not full this week I may cancel a trip next Tuesday. I am in contact with JP Playcentre & may use their bus next week (£45 daily) as opposed to £100 (There was discussion re suitability of hire bus & SM will keep drivers & trustees informed)

*Since last meeting we have had 4 group hires & run 5 excursions

*Bob has still not arranged any training. I see this as a problem. Should we be looking to train an alternative?

*Considering the small turn out, we did very well at the Coffee Morning & raised nearly £300 – well worth doing £10 donation has also been received

*I have had the booking forms for The Winslow Show – Monday 31st August

*A couple of drivers have been unhappy about having to sign in at The Winslow Centre when picking up the keys & one driver had to be escorted to the toilet Unfortunately this is unavoidable as it is now under school rules & they apply to everyone.

5 Secretary's Report

There was none

6 Treasurer's Report

FH handed out monthly summary Income is healthy

She pointed out that if Fuel Card is used at a garage apart from Winslow, there is a £2.28 charge !!

7 Update on costings

AE will look at costings after financial year end

8 Funding Update

To date, nothing yet heard re funding the bus

9 Coffee Morning Report 21st March

Committee very pleased. FH emailed breakdown of money taken

TC to book either Oct 24 or 31 Confirmed by email next coffee morning is 31 October in St L Rm

10 Health & safety

Nothing further to report

11 Leaflets

TC to get in touch with Fraser re print runs – B cards – 500, Driver Cards – 1000, Leaflets – 250

AT suggested form for drivers to have passenger mobile nos on longer trips

12 Midas Training

Decided to wait until 'next batch' need training so hopefully will be more drivers

SM to look for outside agency to do our immediate needs

13 DBS Checks

AT to check with Langston & Tasker if our drivers need them

14 Time Credits

TC commented on the administration of the scheme. Felt many drivers do not volunteer in order to receive a reward of any sort

After discussion it was decided to 'shelve' but watch to see how this new idea develops

15 New Trustee

AT was given Articles of Association

16 Correspondence

*FH had letter from Pensions Regulator She will contact RH to ask advice

Also to ask for Profit & Loss figs for for Dec, Jan & Feb (Summary needed)

*Winslow Show – 2 pitches are booked

17 AOB

SM to bring bus insurance to next meeting

Winslow Show on agenda

18 Date of next meeting

Committee

Thursday April 9th
(Apologies from JP)

7 pm Winslow Centre

Signed as correct:

Trish Cawte (Chair)

Date:

