

Calne Area Transport (CAT)
Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 20th March, 2007
Marden House - 7.00 pm.

Present:- Messrs. Richard Aylen, David Evans, Kate Freeman, Bob Husband, Gerry Ions, Harry Lewis, E. Peckham, Dennis Price, Tim Reynolds, Paul Ricketts, Dave Roberts, Derek Quinn, Sam Seabrook, Colin Viner, **Mesdames.** Mary Gray, Anne Henshaw, Dorothy Lewis, Liz Nimmo-Scott, Sally Wilkinson.
Apologies:- Messr. John Boaler, **Mesdames.** Billie Link, Sharon Brown (Westlea Housing), Carol O'Gorman (NWDC), Jacqui Radford, Jane Rowell (JBS).

1 - Welcome

The current Acting Chairman, **Mrs. Anne Henshaw**, welcomed all those attending this AGM, and noted the improved attendance.

2 - Minutes of AGM - 19th. October 2005

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting, and had been available on the website. They were approved, and signed as an accurate record of the meeting, without exception,

3 - Matters Arising.

9 - National Express. **Mrs. Henshaw** brought the attention of the meeting to the hard work by **Mr. Gerry Ions**, which had resulted in the introduction by National Express, of the daily service to London. **Mrs. Henshaw** thanked **Mr. Ions** for his work.

4 - Finance

Mr. Richard Aylen presented the audited accounts for the period 15 months to 31.12.06.

Questions -

- *What were 'Consultants Fees'?* In the course of its work, CAT had needed to 'bring in' professional Transport Consultants to advise it. These had been Mr. Peter Warman (GoBetween Project), Mr. Rick Minter (Wigglybus Leaflet) and Mrs. Kate Freeman (Project Officer to CAT). The fees charged had been largely offset by income from WCC.
- *What were 'Admin Hours'?* The work done by the Administrator, David Clay, in serving CAT and its projects. This was funded from the Wigglybus Project allocation made to CAT in 2002,.
- *Why the long period between the two AGM's?* To allow the accounts to be brought into line with the calendar year.

Proposal 1: That the meeting accepts the accounts as presented. Proposer - **Mr. Richard Aylen**. Seconded - **Mrs. Anne Henshaw**. The meeting accepted the proposal without exception.

Proposal 2: That the meeting re-appoint Mr. J. Williams to audit the accounts for the next year. Proposer - **Mr. Richard Aylen**. Seconded - **Mrs. Dorothy Lewis**. The meeting accepted the proposal without exception.

(Mr. Paul Ricketts arrived)

5 - Chairman's Report

Mrs. Anne Henshaw reported that it had been a successful year for CAT. This was because of the hard work of all involved in CAT. Good links had been formed with Calne Community Area Partnership (CCAP). CAT were responsible for the transport aspects of the Area Plan. Transport was the key to community life. CAT had 'matured' and was now looking at broader issues relating to transport in the area. The group was looking to meet the challenges of the future. There were funding issues, but these were being addressed.

6 - Motions to the AGM - Changes to the Constitution.

- Paragraph 35 to read

Six weeks notice of the intention to hold an AGM will be given, by a notice on the website, posters in prominent places such as Calne Library and Council Display boards. The agenda will be circulated to all members at least two weeks before the Meeting but not more than four weeks before the meeting.

From the discussion which followed, the above resolution was dropped, and the following was proposed. This will be brought to the next AGM for approval.

Not less than 28 days notice shall be given of the intention to hold an AGM.

- Paragraph 36e) to read

To discuss and vote on any other motions of which 28 days prior notice has been given in writing.
(Both these motions to be brought to the next AGM.)

➤ Paragraph 26 to read

The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be one third of voting members of that committee.

Proposer:- Mr. Dennis Price. Seconded:- Mrs. Anne Henshaw. The meeting accepted the proposal without exception.

7 - Election of Officers.

Mr. Derek Quinn took the chair for the election of Chairman.

Mrs. Anne Henshaw was nominated for Chairman. She accepted the nomination. Proposer:- Mr. Richard Ayles, Seconded:- Mr. Bob Husband. The meeting accepted the proposal without exception.

Mrs. Henshaw took the chair for the election of Treasurer.

Mr. Richard Ayles was nominated for Treasurer. He accepted the nomination. Proposer:- Mrs. Anne Henshaw. Seconded:- Mrs. Mary Gray. The meeting accepted the proposal without exception.

Mr. David Clay read out the names of the current committee members. **Mrs. Henshaw** asked if there were any nominations as additions to the committee. There were none.

Proposal:- The committee is re-elected en bloc. The meeting accepted the proposal without exception.

(Cllr David Evans and Mr. Colin Viner arrived)

8 - Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and Transport

Miss Liz Nimmo-Scott spoke to the meeting. She was keen to know of transport issues which might affect the natural environment, particularly those aspects of interest to the Wildlife Trust. There was a growing interest in Natural History and the climate change debate had brought this into focus. The Trust was seeking to raise awareness of these issues, and empower groups to take appropriate action. Accessibility to sites could be a problem because of the sensitive nature of some sites. Wheelchair access was provided where possible, although inevitably there would be limitations. It was hard to get to most sites using public transport. (Cherhill White Horse was presented as a case in point.) Ideally, WCC would be able to link public transport with these sites, but this was currently not the case.

Some discussion followed on aspects of what Miss Nimmo-Scott had said.

Mrs. Henshaw thanked Miss Nimmo-Scott for her contribution, and this was echoed by the meeting.

9 - Mr Tim Reynolds (TR) (Wigglybus Manager)

TR informed the meeting of changes to both Wigglybus and the Town Service. Demand Responsive Transport bookable services were being standardized, and WCC were building on the successes of DRT. New changes would go through to 1st. October 2007, and from the end of September, the new '**Connect 2 Wiltshire**' services would be operating. He regretted that the successful low floored Town Service bus had been removed for various reasons. He stated that the new contracts stipulated a low floor bus, with links to Beversbrook. There would be flexible periods around the busy fixed route periods, with the use of a taxi to access the northern part of the town between 4.00 and 5.00 pm. This would need to be booked 2 hours before use. The service 55 had seen a 25% - 40% growth since its launch, and despite problems with delays of up to 10 minutes, it was hoped the service would be commercially viable in 18 months time. **TR** responded to the point that 55 was not always wheelchair accessible, by stating that the service should be accessible. He also agreed that the timetable for the 55 did not allow for links with the late train at Chippenham, and that this would need to be looked at.

Mrs. Henshaw thanked Mr. Reynolds for his contribution, and for dealing with the comments and questions.

10 – Future of Transport for the Calne Area.

Mrs. Henshaw informed the meeting that, following the introduction of the '**C2W**' service, mentioned above, that CAT would re-structure. The main meeting would be a business, finance, strategy and policy meeting, and the second group, currently the Wigglybus Marketing Group, would become the **Sustainable Transport Group (STG)**. New members would be needed for STG, and it was hoped for wider representation. Funding issues would need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. She was confident that changes in transport travel patterns would come with a 'carrot and stick' approach. It was necessary to win the hearts and minds of the public.

Seminar Feedback

Kate Freeman had submitted a summary of the key points which included:-

- Greater dovetailing of transport services was necessary
- Motor Vehicle speed was a danger for both cyclists and pedestrians
- Parking caused congestion, particularly around schools, posing dangers to all road users.
- Travel information – timetables need to be accurate and up-to-date
- Safe Cycle Routes – cycling to work needed greater emphasis and publicity
- Our lifestyle was affecting the environment
- ‘Motor Vehicles Rule’ – to the detriment of footpaths
- Wheelchair access was inconsistent on buses
- Access to services – both out of hours and out of town, was difficult, if not impossible with public transport.
- Protecting the countryside – access was difficult without a car.

Copies will be available to all who require it. The summary and full report will be posted on the website.

Finally, Mrs. Henshaw added that CAT must not lose its momentum, and that she had been encouraged by the desire for CCAP to be involved with, and to help, CAT.

11 – A.O.B.

It was pointed out that the National Federation of Bus Users (renamed Bus Users UK) is an independent group which was formed to give bus passengers a voice. Members were asked to consider joining. Further information on their website www.bususers.org.

Mrs. Henshaw thanked all those who had attended, and the **meeting closed at 8.53 pm.**

Signed (Chairman) Date