



LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

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30th June 2011

The next meeting of the **Community Transport Sub-Committee** will be held at **10.30 a.m.** on **Tuesday 5th July 2011** at 67, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, when it is hoped to transact the following business:

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Declaration of Members' Interests
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Membership Update
6. Report on Trips taken since last Meeting:
 - a. **Visit to Hyde Hall** on Thursday 23rd June. Some 41 members attended and 4 minibuses with drivers and escorts were used. Despite some trouble finding the new entrance and dodging the heavy showers the trip proved a success. An excellent buffet lunch was provided, although the cost at £10.00 per head is getting expensive and the marquee was not sited in such an attractive location.
7. Progress on Arrangements made for Future Events:
 - a. **Visit to Hylands House** on Monday 18th July. 1hr 30 mins guided tour of the house is booked for 1.30 pm and afternoon cream tea in the house is booked for 3.00 pm. As the group is due to arrive at Hylands House at about 11.15pm members have been asked to bring a picnic lunch or purchase a snack in the Hutton's Court Yard Cafe. 36 members have booked. Minibuses, drivers and escorts are being organised.
 - b. **Tropical Wings**. Provisionally booked for Thursday 8th September. The arrangement is on a transport basis only with members making their own arrangements for lunch either at the Macawber's Cafe or taking a picnic. Transport, drivers and escorts are to be arranged. The trip has not yet been circulated to members.
8. Financial Assistance with cost of medical expenses associated with D1 extension to Driving Licence for Volunteer Drivers over 70 years

To note the decision in minute 14(f)(i) of Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee meeting of 16th June 2011. Minutes previously circulated.

9. Community Transport Committee minutes of 12th April - minute 6

To consider reference back as per minute 65 of Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee meeting 21st April 2011. Minutes previously circulated

10. Request for a donation to a New West Leigh Baptist Church Minibus
See letter attached

11. Letter of Thanks to former co-opted members of the Committee who have recently stepped down

12. Proposals for Future Events

To identify trips for the forward programme.

Vivien Choppen
Community Transport Officer
30th June 2011

Please Note: Any member who is unable to attend the meeting must send their apologies before the meeting.

On behalf of West Leigh Baptist Church

June 29th 2011

Ms Vivien Choppen
Leigh Town Council
67 Elm Road
Leigh on Sea
Essex

Dear Ms Choppen,

Re West Leigh Baptist Church Mini Bus

AS you may be aware Transport for London are keen to ensure that vehicles entering the Low Emission Zone (M25 area) will be required from January 3rd 2012 to comply with stricter emission targets.

The minibus we currently own and run will not meet these standards for operating within the M25 area zone and we understand will require modification in the region of £2,500 to £3,500.

In the light of this we have been considering upgrading our existing vehicle to meet the new standards and also considering purchasing a minibus that will be disabled friendly. Obviously the cost of such a vehicle is not insubstantial and we estimate this to be between £8,000 to £10,000 which is rather out of our reach at the moment.

The minibus is currently being used by a number of organizations both in church and outside. These include Torch, Romford Scouts, as well as our own organizations such as Girls brigade, Young Peoples Groups and other Churches. Leigh Town Council also use the vehicle from time to time.

We also understand that if we were to upgrade the minibus for disabled use the Disabled Village Group would like to hire it.

We would be grateful if Leigh Town Council would consider making a grant to assist in the purchase of at the very least a replacement for our current minibus and possibly the purchase of a disabled friendly minibus that will benefit the local community to an even greater extent.

Should you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to call the undersigned (author) and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards
Yours Sincerely



For the author Tony Simmonds and West Leigh Baptist Church Council.