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QUALITY
TOWN
COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr Richard Herbert
Vice Chairman: Cllr Syrie Cox
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT 10.30 AM ON TUESDAY 20th MAY 2014 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Donald Fraser, Margaret Cotgrove
Also in attendance, Mr Brian Houssart MBE, Ruby Frost and Vivien Choppen (CTO).

Meeting started 10.28am

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Donald Fraser was duly appointed Chairman

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Margaret Cotgrove was duly appointed Vice Chairman

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence

4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 25th February 2014 were agreed by the sub-Committee and signed by the Chairman.

6. CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Ruby Frost, Jan Andrews and Brian Houssart MBE were appointed as co-opted members at the Annual Council meeting on 14th May 2014

7. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The membership of the Community Transport Scheme currently stands at 157 members.

8. REPORT ON TRIPS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING:

- a. 12 of our members attended a **double presentation of ghost stories The Signal Man by Charles Dickens and Oh, Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad by M R James at the Palace Theatre on 6th March 2014**. Take up for these plays was not as good as expected and our members reported back that they found the story lines very difficult to follow.
- b. 12 members attended a concert given by **the Choir of Claire College Cambridge at the Plaza Centre on 21st March 2014**. Reports back described the music as heavenly and the whole concert, performed by a young group of singers with no musical accompaniment, as brilliant.
- c. Staff and councillors organised a **social afternoon at the Community Centre on 10th April 2014**. This included a talk on the History of Leigh, some light refreshments, a quiz and music from Bob's Barbershop. 24 members attended. The whole event proved a great success and the Committee unanimously concluded that the original plan to have two short

talks would have proved too much for members and that the right balance of one talk, refreshments and music struck the right balance should the event be repeated in the future.

9. **PROGRESS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE EVENTS:**

- a. **Palace Theatre - Half a Sixpence on Thursday 29th May 2014.** 28 tickets have been purchased and take up is good. Transport and helpers are still to be arranged.
- b. Information on a visit to Beeleigh Abbey Gardens, Maldon and Easton Lodge, Saffron Walden, together with the forward programme of the White Bus Cinema, was available for committee members to consider.

10. **FUTURE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

The Community Transport Officer was tasked with:

- a. Organising a trip to the Palace Theatre to see the film Philomena, put on by the White Bus Cinema, on Sunday 22nd June.
- b. Organising a visit to Beeleigh Abbey Gardens, Maldon on Friday 4th July 2014. Brian Houssart undertook to look into the scope of arranging refreshments at a pub near Hanningfield reservoir.
- c. To research the suitability of a visit to Tilbury Fort.

Meeting ended 11.15 am

Vivien Choppen
Community Transport Officer
23rd May 2014

Next meeting Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 10.30 am