

Minutes of YBF Meeting held on 14 March 2017 at West Offices

Present: Graham Collett (Chair), John Bibby (took minutes); Andy D'Agorne, Dave Merrett, June Tranmer

Apologies: Ron Healey, Toby Hart

1. Meeting Procedure

Graham was asked to Chair the meeting in Ron's absence. Also, as Dave and Andy had to leave early, their items were taken first.

2. Minutes of February meeting

Adoption of these was deferred as those present had not attended the meeting.

3. Reports

Dave reported no substantial change in membership (now 50+), nor in funding situation (healthy). Membership fees for 2017 are now due. There were continuing issues with operation of the bank account.

John reported and apologised that he has been overcommitted and progress on the Access Group had stalled. Dave has been contacted by a researcher from York University who is interested in this area and wants to be involved. **Action: Dave will send details to John.**

4. Constitution: Some minor amendments to the draft were agreed. A final draft would be presented to the AGM

Action: Graham

5. AGM

Action agreed:

- (a) John will draft a Press Release (to be issued 10 days before the meeting), and will email First York to enquire if it is possible to advertise the AGM in some way on the buses, bus-stops, or to the drivers and staff
- (b) John will draft & circulate an Annual Report to be tabled at the AGM.
- (c) John will contact Radio York to see if the AGM can be announced at the same time as they mention their bus phone-in programme (10-11, April 21st), on which John will represent YBF.
- (d) A leaflet advertising the AGM was felt to be desirable, but not feasible from current volunteers. Dave will email the membership to ask for a volunteer. (Ron 'had a draft on promotion'.)

6. Future meetings

It was agreed to alternate Committee (Business) meetings with General (bus policy) meetings. John was happy to Chair and arrange the latter.

7. Website

Action: Graham mandated to proceed, incorporating amendments received to date.

8. Campaign for Better Transport (CBT) Liaison

Action agreed:

- a) to renew our affiliation to CBT N&W Yorks, although there was some question as to whether we got value for money (£20pa) – Ron has form and will pass to Dave for payment
- b) To circulate CBT emails to all YBF members where they relate to buses (maximum of 1 per month).

9. COYC Sustainable Transport Award

I-Travel York's recent grant of £1.3 million was noted, as was the fact that they had allegedly been hurrying to spend the 2016-17 grant which was otherwise underspent. **Action:** John to write to relevant Councillor requesting some from 2016-17 grant to support AGM publicity

10. Civic Trust Workshop

The report by Professor Tony May on this workshop (which had been attended by some YBF Officers) had been criticised because its recommendations included dualling of the York outer ring road.

11. One Planet York “Mingle”

John had suggested that YBF should offer a future session on buses and sustainable transport. Action: June agreed to take this suggestion to the OPY committee.

12. Trams/LRT

YBF welcomes any commitment to serious public transport investment. Our support for trams is not unconditional, but only when they have been shown to be more effective than other forms of transport.

13. First York Route 500

It was noted that some members have already contacted First about this, urging that the service continue and be afforded better and wider publicity.

14. “Big Lunch on the Buses” (June 18)

John had suggested this as a means of promoting YBF in association with OPY, bringing together their two themes of sustainable food and sustainable transport. It was agreed that this should be left to OPY to develop, and YBF does not have the resources.

15. Minibuses

John was mandated to represent YBF on the working group set up by a consortium of disabled groups.

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