

NANTWICH TRANSPORT GROUP

MINUTES OF NANTWICH TRANSPORT GROUP MEETING ON 23RD APRIL 2009

In Attendance: Nick Ovenell of Faber Maunsell, Simon Boone (representing Rob Welch) of Cheshire East Engineers, Paul Griffiths, Cheshire East Transport and Re-generation, Penny Butterill (Chairman), John Lewis (Councillor Nantwich Town Council), Rick Appleton (Hospital Street Association), Cindy Biggins (Welsh Row) for part of the meeting and Riddell Graham (Clerk, Nantwich Town Council).

Apologies: Val Butler (Chair – Disability Resource Exchange), Elaine Dodd (ex Town Centres Manager Cheshire East, now Crewe Park Manager).

1. **Anthony Blacklay**

The Chairman asked for a few moments of silence in remembrance of Anthony Blacklay, local architect and prime mover in the group, “a quintessential English gentleman” who had sadly died recently and unexpectedly.

2. **Station Study**

Faber Maunsell had prepared a study, commissioned by Cheshire County Council Transport and Re-generation section, on the feasibility of establishing a car park near the Railway Station in Nantwich.

Nick Ovenell made a presentation, illustrated by a series of photocopied slides, highlighting the following:-

- Background to commissioning of study
- Context and geographical position of the Station
- Passenger data analysis
- Land ownership
- Possible car park designs
- Other potential improvements (e.g., lighting, surfacing, signage).

Next steps were identified as negotiation with owners, discussion with Network Rail, discussions with relevant officers at Cheshire East Council, preferred design, funding and costing.

It was **AGREED** that Paul Griffiths would contact Paul Burns (Direct Works Business Manager based at Pym’s Lane Depot in Crewe) of Cheshire East, to ascertain background and what progress had been made.

John Lewis **AGREED** to get in touch with his contact at Network Rail, if necessary going higher in the organisation, with a view to establishing sensible lease terms for a possible car park.

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3. Priorities for Consideration by the Group

Priorities were initially identified as (no particular priority order):-

- a) Hospital Street (air quality, weight restriction, speed limits)
- b) Millstone Lane
- c) Signage in the town
- d) Welsh Row
- e) Edmund Wright Way
- f) Cycle route (Peter Foster)
- g) Railway Station
- h) Wellington Road/Park Road – crossing?
- i) Pedestrian crossings
- j) Football Club – parking
- k) Malbank School – parking
- l) Snowhill development

4. Mode of Future Working

It was **AGREED** that Riddell Graham would act as Secretary to the Group. However, anyone who wished to submit an agenda item would need to provide a short background paper (one page A4 probably sufficient) explaining the item, to attach to the agenda. Agenda items should be received no later than 2 weeks (10 working days) before the date of the meeting. Obviously, we would wish to see clear “action points” emerging from Meetings and endeavour to have agendas of manageable length. Agendas would normally be dispatched by email about a week before the meeting.

5. Meeting Dates

Date of next meeting is Tuesday 23rd June 2009, at 4pm in Brookfield Hall, Shrewbridge Road, Nantwich.

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