

Joint Transport Working Party, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council, Silsden Town Council & Craven Ward Councillors.

Notes of the meeting held Thursday 16 October 2008 at 7.00 p.m in the Bowling Pavilion, Steeton.

Present: Councillors Mallinson (Chairman), Mullen and Mrs Townend, Mr. M. Deveney, Mrs C. Brown, Clerk, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council

Apologies: Councillors Hargreaves and Phillips

1. The notes of the meeting held 31 July 2008 were agreed.
2. Matters Arising from the notes:
 - Installation of lifts for disabled access- A reply had been received from Caroline Young, Metro, confirming that a lift was not an option at Steeton and Silsden station as the station is not manned. The funding for the lifts is from an 'Access for All' grant from the government, part of a national £370M scheme.
 - Councillor Mallinson has not received any feedback on the feasibility of moving back the armco barrier on Station Road.
3. Car Park Usage Consultation-Next Steps

The letter to Councillor Hawkesworth asking for funding for a survey of car park use had been forwarded to John Blackburn, Traffic and Highways. Mr Blackburn is involved with the planning of more Park and Ride schemes in the district. His department could carry out a simple survey of vehicle numbers but not a more detailed survey where drivers were interviewed. He suggested contacting Steve Grisag of Transport Planning with responsibility for disabled access and John Oxley of Metro.

It was agreed to invite John Blackburn, Steve Grisag and John Oxley to a site meeting to be arranged. (The meeting has subsequently been confirmed for Monday 10 November at 11.30a.m.) Representatives of the Transport Group would be Councillors Mallinson, Mullen and a Silsden Councillor, Mark Deveney and Cheryl Brown.

Councillor Mallinson will approach Silsden Town Council and ask for a representative.

Councillor Mallinson agreed to contact Andy Taylor, Regeneration of the Airedale Corridor, to ask for some funding for the survey.

The survey would be:

 - A questionnaire drafted by Mark Deveney and agreed by the group
 - The survey would be carried out by Steeton Councillors as they are covered by liability insurance and Silsden Councillors. Councillor Mallinson agreed to ask the Clerk, Silsden Town Council to check on their liability cover.
 - The survey would be done over 2 days and at 2 different times, i.e. Monday and Thursday, 6.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

It was suggested that the two councils are asked to provide funding up to a maximum of £250 each to cover the costs of printing the survey and inputting the data. The Clerk, Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council, will put this on the agenda of the next council meeting and Councillor Mallinson will ask the Clerk, Silsden Town Council, to do the same.

3. Any other business:

Media Campaign: A press report about the site meeting would be published straight after the meeting. The press will also be invited to publish an article on the group's ideas and suggestions for increasing parking and improving disabled access at the station. The press will also be informed of the survey results and subsequent discussions and negotiations with transport partners.

Platform Resurfacing: Mr Deveney informed the group that he has registered a complaint regarding the resurfacing of the platform at the station as this has made the access to trains more difficult for disabled passengers.

4. Date for the next meeting.

TBC

Members of the working party:

Steeton-with-Eastburn Parish Council: Councillors Hargreaves, Mullen, Mrs. Townend.

Silsden Town Council: Councillors Atkinson, Phillips and Savage.

Craven Ward Councillors: Councillors Mallinson and Naylor.

Local resident: Mr Deveney.

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