

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

## **Notes of the meeting held Wednesday 24 October 2007 at 7.30 p.m in the Bowling Pavilion, Steeton.**

Present: Councillors Mallinson (Chairman), Hargreaves, Mullen and Phillips.  
Mr. R. Lambert, Architect, GLT Architects  
Mrs C. Brown.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Bottomley and Savage.

1. The notes of the meeting held 13 June 2007 were agreed.

2. Update from the last meeting: An e-mail from Caroline Young, Metro, was circulated. Metro do not have any plans to carry out a user survey of the car park at Steeton and Silsden Railway Station. Councillor Mallinson agreed to look into an alternative source of funding for the survey.

Councillor Mullen reported from the West Yorkshire Rural Transport Partnership meeting that the Zone 6 initiative was stalled due to the rail operators not being able to agree to how the system will work in practice.

Councillor Mullen also gave some statistics that show how busy the Airedale line and Steeton and Silsden station, in particular, is. In 2003/4 there were 165,000 users travelling towards Leeds and 162,000 users making the return journey.

3. Mr. Lambert gave an update on the plans by Airedale Tree Surgeons to provide additional car parking for users of Steeton and Silsden railway station. He reported that Metro had been enthusiastic about the scheme at a meeting with their representative but that there was no funding in Metro's budget for the project. There may be up to £250,000 of Government money available, with match funding, available for the Sustainable Transport Agenda. A meeting had also taken place with Network Rail who had seen the sense in the plan but advised that Northern Rail, as tenants of the station, should also be included in any future discussions. Legislation and the involvement of the Rail Regulator will make any progress a lengthy process. His clients may be put off by the long term aspect of the project and may be unable to access government funding. His clients are, however, prepared to act as facilitators of the scheme as long as there is suitable financial reward for their involvement. No clear final scheme has been prepared to date. Mr Lambert will prepare a report and forward it to the group. This report will be added to the original Metro plans for extra car park provision and will be sent to a senior Highways Officer/ Planning Officer for consideration. This officer will then be invited to attend the next meeting of the group to comment on the scheme. If the officer thinks the scheme is feasible then Metro, Northern Rail and Network Rail will be invited to a subsequent meeting.

4. Media Campaign: The problems with crossing the A629 to access the station were discussed. A footbridge would cost between £750,000 and £1,500,000, excluding land ownership issues. The use of traffic lights on the roundabout was also briefly discussed. It was decided to defer any decision regarding a media campaign about disabled access until after the discussions with the Bradford Council Officer at the next meeting. The local resident who is willing to be involved with any media campaign will be invited to the next meeting.

5. Arrange a date for the next meeting.

**Wednesday 19 December 2007, 7.30 p.m., Bowling Pavilion, Steeton.**

Note: Councillor Bottomley is unable to attend meetings on a Wednesday due to other commitments. Unfortunately Wednesday is the day convenient for a majority of the members of the group. Under these circumstances it is with regret that Councillor Bottomley tendered her resignation from the group. It was suggested that an alternative member from Silsden Town Council be appointed.

*Members of the working party:*

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

*Silsden Town Council: Councillors Atkinson, Phillips and Savage.*

*Craven Ward Councillors: Councillors Mallinson and Naylor.*

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