

CB3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Monday 14th April 2025 commencing at 2.00pm.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Glover to the meeting.

Mr Glover apologised for not attending a previous meeting to which he had been invited, however at that time he had not been in a position to provide any positive information to offer with regard to Dorset Councils Transport Plan submitted to the Department of Transport which had included the extension of the CR6 Monday to Friday service to include Saturdays and the last trip of the day running to Yeovil.

He was pleased to be able to confirm the plan had received approval from the Department of Transport however no firm date for receiving the funds or commencement of the enhanced service had been set and would likely to be in the summer. He acknowledged that it would be preferable to commence the new service at the earliest convenience and, with some financial assistance from Somerset County Council, he hoped to be in a position to enhance the service sooner subject to confirmation from the bus operating company.

He confirmed that funds had also been applied for the implementation of a Dorset Travel Card which would offer the opportunity to link community and public transport by underpinning cross service ticketing.

Discussion ensued with regard to the possibilities for the CB3 to enhance the CR6 service by offering a more rural service bringing passengers into Beaminster for onward journeys.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr Glover for his update on Dorset Councils current position and looked forward to more positive news in the near future.

091 PRESENT: Cllr Dawkins (Chairman), Cllr Gunning, Mr Driscoll, Mr T Roberts, Mr Snow, Cllr Turner and Ms Wallbridge: also Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Dorset Cllr Craig Monks, Mr Adrian Glover, Dorset Councils Public Transport Manager and one member of the public.

092 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

093 MINUTES OF THE CB3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2025

The minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held on 10th March 2025 having been circulated were confirmed a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

094 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

The Town Clerk advised one quotation had been received for the regular maintenance and safety inspections, a further quotation was awaited for consideration at the next meeting.

095 SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS

Mr Driscoll again stressed the shortage of volunteers would put the service under risk but offered no recruitment solutions.

The Town Clerk advised an appeal had been included within the Annual Parish meeting agenda papers, circulated to most households in the town.

Cllr Monks, a volunteer driver, offered his services as a clippie, after training, when required. Mr Banfield, a member of the public present also offered to undergo training as a clippie.

096 TIMETABLE ADJUSTMENTS

Mr Roberts circulated members with his first draft adjusted timetable for implementation on commencement of the CR6 Saturday service as previously discussed to serve the more rural communities. The Town Clerk was asked to circulate to all volunteers and committee members prior to the next meeting where it would be discussed in more detail.

097 VOLUNTEERS REPORT

No items were raised.

098 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

One item was put forward with regard to the audit/control of bus keys.

099 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place on Monday 12th May 2025.

100 MEETING

The meeting which started at 2.00pm closed at 4.00pm.

Chairman 12th May 2025