



CB3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Monday 13th July 2026 commencing at 2.15pm.

209 PRESENT: Cllr Dawkins (Chair), Cllr Wallbridge (Vice Chair), Cllr Gunning, Mr Collins, Mr Snow and Sara Cradock (Town Clerk).

210 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gillings.

211 MINUTES OF THE CB3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2026

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wallbridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Gunning and **AGREED** that the Minutes be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**.

212 ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Gunning **PROPOSED** Cllr Wallbridge for the position of Chair and was **SECONDED** by Mr Snow. Members **AGREED** unanimously.

Cllr Gunning **PROPOSED** Cllr Dawkins for the position of Vice Chair and was **SECONDED** by Mr Collins. Members **AGREED** unanimously.

213 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Mr Collins reported that there were no maintenance issues. However, he expressed concern about the overall condition of the bus, commenting that it was becoming old and increasingly rattly. Mr Snow asked whether there had been any advisories at the last MOT. Mr Collins confirmed there had not, although the bus is now 12 years old. **NOTED**.

214 REVIEW OF ROUTE AND DAY THAT THE CB3 RUNS

Members discussed the possibility of changing the CB3 service from Saturdays to Sundays, noting that there are currently no Sunday bus services from Beaminster.

It was suggested that a public survey be undertaken to seek residents' views on changing the operating day and/or reviewing the route, with any changes to be considered for Spring 2027.

It was **AGREED** that:

- the CB3 would continue operating on Saturdays until the consultation had taken place;
- Mr Collins would investigate possible route changes to implement now to increase passengers on a Saturday; and
- proposed route and timetable options would be brought to the next meeting.

215 VOLUNTEER CLEANER

It was **AGREED** that the existing volunteers would continue to clean the bus on a regular basis.

216 VOLUNTEERS' REPORT

Mr Snow referred to recent comments made by MP **Edward Morello** regarding the challenges facing rural bus services in Dorset. He highlighted the ongoing difficulties in maintaining viable rural transport links and the importance of demonstrating community support for services such as the CB3.

Mr Snow reported that rural transport had featured in the press recently. He advised that approximately 100 passengers per week would be required for the service to break even. The previous Saturday the bus carried 10 passengers, compared with an average weekly figure of approximately 25.

217 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was **AGREED** that Mr Collins would prepare route proposals and trial them ahead of the next meeting.

218 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th August 2026.

219 MEETING

The meeting which started at 2.15pm closed at 3pm.

Chairman
10th August 2026