



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Richard Herbert  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT TASK AND FINISH GROUP HELD AT 10.30 AM ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllr Donald Fraser

Also in attendance Vivien Choppen (CTO), Pat Holden, Margaret Cotgrove, Jan Andrews, Pat Greig, Paul Lawrence

### ***Meeting started 10.31am***

#### **26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

#### **27. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None

#### **28. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed by the group and signed by the chairman.

#### **29. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

The membership of the Community Transport Scheme has increased to 166 members.

#### **30. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT OFFICER'S TALK AT ST CLEMENTS CHURCH**

The CTO gave a short presentation to the Tuesday group at St Clement's Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. She was given a very warm welcome. The key features of our Community Transport Scheme were outlined, examples of the type of concerts attended and places visited were given and all were invited to join provided they met the basic criteria. As a result 8 new members have since joined the scheme.

#### **31. REPORT ON TRIPS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING**

- a. 28<sup>th</sup> January – Odeon Silver Cinema to see 'The Lady in the Van' Our first trip to a local cinema worked extremely well, although a little chaotic to start with. The choice of film was excellent. Thought provoking and a good story. A majority of the group preferred the larger more comfortable premier seats at £4.60 each, although others were content with the £3.00 seats. Both prices included coffee and biscuits. The staff at the Odeon were most helpful. The pre-arranged parking of the minibus at Homebase worked very well, and took the pressure off the driver needing to find a suitable parking space in a busy town.
- b. 14<sup>th</sup> February – The Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Cliffs Pavilion. Our members thoroughly enjoyed this show, both the music and the Lindy Hop dancers, which took them down memory lane. For future matinees at the Cliffs Pavilion, the CTO was asked to clarify the parking arrangements for minibuses, as these seem to differ to those applying after 7.00pm when minibuses can park on the slip road at the front of the theatre. On this occasion some members expressed concerns with the transport service, which will be raised with the

drivers. Further the CTO was asked to remind drivers and helpers to carry mobiles and have them turned on at all times.

**32. PROGRESS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

No arrangements to report.

**33. FUTURE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

**The Community Transport Officer was asked to organise:**

- a. A trip to the Palace Theatre to see Alfred Hitchcock's 'The 39 Steps' (Mon 21-Sat 26 March).
- b. A trip to the Dixon Theatre to see 'It runs in the Family' (Tues 12 April to Sat 16 April).
- c. A trip to the Palace Theatre to see the LODS production of 'Made in Dagenham' (Wed 4 May to Sat 7 May).
- d. Other ideas to keep in mind for the future were:
  - a. Following a recommendation from one of our members to see a performance of Red Priest as part of the Concert Series at the Plaza Centre
  - b. To monitor the Odeon Silver Screen Programme with the hope that the film 'Dad's Army' might be shown but also to look out for other suitable films
  - c. A visit to Tiptree for the museum, shop and cream tea.
  - d. A visit to a garden centre for shopping
  - e. A visit to Wat Tyler Park or other Essex Wildlife Trust location for a simple ride out and lunch.

***Meeting ended 11.45 am***

Vivien Choppen  
**Community Transport Officer**  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Next meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the later start time of 11.00 am