

ODEF Transport Action Team

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2007 at 6pm at the ODEF offices

Present: Brian Smith (Chairman), Paul Bradford, Don Spencer, Mike Lindley, John Musgrove, Carol White.

Apologies: Joan Seager

1. **Introductions:** Brian Smith introduced himself as the new chairman of the ODEF Transport Action Team and invited those present to introduce themselves.
2. **Approve previous minutes:** the previous minutes from 9th June 2005 were read and noted for information only since they were so old.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - Boughton Boomerang and Sweeper – these are still running at the moment and were set up initially to support workers at Boughton Industrial Estate. They were slow to get off the ground but are being utilized more now. The group thought that the buses were financed until March 2008 and then the situation will be reviewed. It was agreed that some figures to assess impact and usage of the buses were needed.

Mike Lindley informed the group there had been no meeting of this group since early 2007 and that it seemed to be used more as a taxi service in and around Ollerton.

NCC organize the meetings for this bus service so it was agreed that we needed to contact them re facts and figures and what was going to happen post March 2008, etc.
CW to action.

- Dukeries Rail – this group has now changed its name to the Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast Railway 2006 Association. They are affiliated members of ACORP. The rail lease, etc all came to nothing. Still negotiating with Network Rail and hopefully will be some sort of service next year. They have agreed with this group that they will make track available and support any scheme on there. But there is nothing concrete at the moment.

Robin Hood Living Legend bid – if this is successful then we need to be looking towards NCC to lend their support as part of the sustainable transport system.

There has been a lot of positive support in the past for the Dukeries Robin Hood line extension. The feasibility study and sustainability issue are two key areas that need to be addressed.

The line has been inspected and is ok.

It was agreed that a case need to be built for support and evidence of need. Agreed to write to all the Parish Councils from Tuxford to Lincoln because if this route was open the possibilities would be endless. The Boughton Boomerang could work with the railway as a shuttle service between stations to villages. Letter to be written and sent to all Parish councils along the route. Once letters of support received to send these with letter to NCC asking for their plans. **To Action: CW & BS**

- OTAG – this group is no longer operating. A new group has started with those disenchanted with OTAG and its policies. This group is now called ‘Traffic Reduction in Ollerton’.

Brian Smith and John Musgrove gave an overview of problem and what the group is trying to do. There are lots of figures / stats highlighting the depth of the problem at Ollerton Roundabout. A lot of cars are avoiding the roundabout by using alternative routes through Ollerton Village, Rufford, Whitewater bridge, etc – all ‘Avoidance Routes’.

There are a maximum 680 / 700 vehicles that could negotiate the roundabout in an hour. More than 1000 vehicles by pass the roundabout through Ollerton Village. The group is looking to undertake another survey before the end of March 2008.

Even a new roundabout will not solve all of the problems with traffic and developing the wash land will affect the transport infrastructure - FLOODING.

Brian Smith and John Musgrove will report progress of group at future meetings.

4. Correspondence: none

5. Terms of Reference:

A draft copy of terms of reference were handed out as a starting point and discussed. After a number of alterations and additions they were agreed. These need to be retyped and formally agreed at the next meeting and then presented to the ODEF Core Group. **To Action: CW**

6. Date & Time of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2008 at 6pm at the ODEF offices.