

Minutes of the Community Minibus Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Council office

Present: RJ Farrington (chair) R Pain G Sheen RT Summerfield
The clerk

1 Apologies for absence - CF Nunn.

2 Declarations of Interest

R Farrington R Pain - Scouts; G Sheen – Day Centre.

3 Minutes - the minutes of the meeting of 03 November 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

4 Review of tariffs for 2011/12 (CM5/11-10)

RP gave a breakdown of costs 2010/11.

Average fuel price (Tesco): up 14.75% since April 2010

Breakdown of all costs per mile including all costs (fuel, servicing, insurance etc):

c 36-38 pence per mile

Service £452.

Insurance cost not yet known.

Using April 2010 as a base RP suggested that to “stand still” committee increase the charge by 2 pence per mile.

AGREED to increase charge by 3 pence per mile for all users for new bookings.

(Min PC10/11-08 gives committee permission to make this decision).

Committee discussed whether the minimum charge should be increased.

AGREED to leave it at £8 and all other charges to remain the same.

To be reviewed in six months.

Thanks to RP for providing the background on this item.

5 Replacement of vehicle (CM6/11-10)

RP had researched different types of vehicle both new and second hand and grant funding.

Grants – very few available.

Lottery – Awards for All (AFA) maximum of £10,000 was a possibility. (AFA Grants would be for new vehicles).

Committee discussed merits of different vehicles – eg 15 seater or a 17 seater.

AGREED to ask Council to approve an application for an Awards for All grant.

RP to put application together to submit to next Council meeting - 9 May.

Action: RP

Thanks again to RP for his efforts in preparation for this item.

It was suggested that a brief meeting could be held to finalise the application within the timescale above.

6 AOB – driver updates still to be done (CM4/04-11). Although this was not law it was considered “good practice”. **Action RJF and the clerk**

7 Date of next meeting - to be agreed before next Council meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Chairman.....Date.....