

<p>Scrutiny Working Group: ACCESS</p> <p><i>To assess the current situation, ascertain, evaluate and prioritise appropriate tasks in the following areas:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Physical access into and around Mendip</i> • <i>Virtual access to services in Mendip</i> • <i>Individual's personal and professional access needs in Mendip</i> <p><i>Whilst considering the needs of the current and growing population as well as the environmental impact.</i></p> <p>Agreed areas going forward:</p> <p>BUSES: PH / JG</p> <p>TAXIS: AB / JG</p> <p>CYCLE PATHS: ALL</p> <p>TRAINS: PH / AB</p> <p>BYPASS: NHW</p> <p>ELECTRIC VEHICLES/ DRT SSDC PROJECT LIAISON/ LIAISON with CCEG: DG</p>	<p>Lead Convenor: Philip Ham (PH)</p> <p>Members: Alison Barkshire (AB), Eve Berry (EB,) Michael Gay (MG), Drew Gardner (DG) John Greenhalgh (JG), Nigel Hewitt-Cooper (NHC), Mike Pullin (MP)</p> <p>Officer: Kelly Knight (KK)</p>
<p>Time: 1.30 – 3PM 1st Dec</p>	<p>Present: PH, KK, MG, EB, JG, DG</p> <p>Apologies: MP</p>
<p>Latest Update – Provided by KK 19.01.21</p> <p>The group has met once since the last update, during which members reviewed the responses to the Parish and Town Councils survey looking at bus service provision. Members took on actions to review feedback on various services and consider how they could be improved.</p> <p>The Group will also be looking at GP access going forward, and are meeting next on 26th Jan.</p>	
<p>Meeting</p> <p>Buses -Survey response / GP Access</p> <p>Survey</p>	

KK has put feedback into a map showing route and PC comments – can be viewed here:

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1yOrnTLleos-7n5WOUc7v5hMUdc4i0yhF&usp=sharing>

No additional responses received to the 15 responses at last meeting (Doulting, Cranmore, Holcombe, Coleford, Cheddar, SCO (x 4), Upton Noble, Berkley, Meare, Wookey, Emborough, Chilcompton – detailing 9 routes

Group acknowledged that we have tried as hard as possible to engage with the Parishes and felt that it was time to draw a line in the sand and review the information that we do have. Members offered to review services (timetable, route) and comments received and consider how the issues could be addressed.

184 PH to review-

359 MG to review

162 EB to review

31 JG to review

668/ 67/ 77/ 174/ 126 comments to be reviewed - carry forward

Gaps in service for GP access

MG has looked into taxi voucher schemes run by other LAs with insufficient bus services to enable affordable GP access to those usually eligible for bus passes and found examples in Fareham and Swindon where £30 taxi vouchers can be purchased for £15.

MG will research best scheme to review with PH and make proposal to SCC with PH committed eligible for bus passes

Walking & Cycling

KK update – paper / bike racks / bikeability / ebikes

Slowways campaign- PH suggested it go to Parish Forum

KK to discuss with Emma Plummer

Komoot – KK promoted free walking / cycling app (recommended by Sustrans) - encouraged all to share with Wards

PH to send KK Coleford accessible walks

PH had to leave meeting a few mins early, KK suggested we have a theme of the meeting due to the variety of subjects we are discussing.

Jan 26th Buses

Feb 23rd Community cars / broadband

Carry forward:

Community cars

<https://www.co-wheels.org.uk/frome>

Broadband

Fibreway

CDS

Starlink?

Costings research of village solutions discuss alternative providers and if info should be shared.

MG – review free broadband for kids – notes: BT have made various announcements, if this one relates to disadvantaged children being able to use BT openzone without charge, immediately you have to know (a) prevalence, distribution and speed of Openzone sites in Mendip

(would need BT to tell us that) and (b) who decides if children are disadvantaged (an absolute minefield). If its a carry-over I will try to find some time to look at this, my gut feel is that its a grand announcement for city kids but not likely to be much use outside town centres.

Next meeting date/ location:

26th Jan 1.30 – 3PM (invites sent)

Person booking: KK