

Scrutiny Working Group Minutes – 07.09.21

<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 Taxis: AB / JG Cycle paths: ALL Trains: PH / AB Bypass: NHW Electric vehicles/ DRT ssdc project liaison/ liaison with CEEG: DG Broadband: ALL</p>	<p>Lead Convenor: Philip Ham (PH) Members: Alison Barkshire (AB), Eve Berry (EB,) Michael Gay (MG), Drew Gardner (DG) John Greenhalgh (JG) Officer: Kelly Knight (KK)</p>
<p>Time: 7th September 2021 1.30 PM-3 PM - Access / Active & In Touch</p>	<p>Present: KK, MG, PH, AB In Attendance: KH Apologies: MP, NHC, DG, EB</p>
<p>Agenda</p> <p>1.30 – 2.15 GP Access / Active & In Touch update 2.15 – 2.30 AOB / next meeting 2.30 – 3.00 CDS discussion around vouchers</p> <p>AOB</p>	

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Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that CDS will not be able to attend the meeting until 2.30pm. Kelly advised she is happy to meet with CDS without the team if they are unable to attend. All agreed they were happy for Kelly to proceed on their behalf.

Kerry gave a brief updated on Active & In Touch. The September meeting with Coleford Parish Council has been re-arranged to an October date. After that meeting has taken place, we hope to have an update from Dougie Brown. Kelly asked the team if they are comfortable with her approaching MDC for funding for some marketing for Active & In Touch? All agreed they were happy.

Philip Ham gave an update on the Bus Back Better scheme and advised there are some more meetings taking place next week. The consultation continues.

Michael Gay raised an issue relating to one of his constituency not being able to secure Truespeed in the area, having been told that they need to sign more residents up before they can work on that particular area.

Michael Gay explained EV bikes are still part of his continuing agenda. Kelly agreed, if MG sends her the relevant details, that she will follow up.

Some discussion took place around the shortage of HGV drivers and the impact that is having on farming, supermarkets, etc. A suggestion could be that the council allocate a grant to applicants. Alternatively, could the council allow a working visa to those from overseas? Kelly agreed to discuss this further with Julie Reader-Sullivan.

Kelly agreed to circulate the details following her meeting with CDS.

AOB

None.

Date of Next Meeting:

12th October 2021 at 3pm.