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Stoke-on-Trent Area Network for Disability

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Minutes of the General Meeting held at 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at Stoke Town Hall.

Attendees:

Geoff Bryan (Acting Chair)
Stuart Barker
Pam Bryan (Secretary)
John Burgess
Rita Dale (Eton Park Councillor)
Horace Hodson
Mick Jones
Michelle Lakin (S,O.T Council)
Robert Lamonby
Lisa Nixon (for Rob Ffello M.P.)
Jennifer Pardue
Jean Simpson
Lynn Watkins (for Ruth Smeeth M.P.)

Apologies

John Beech
Angie Bunn
Barry Simpson
Sylvia Smith
Brian Turnock
Phil Woodward

2. Pall Mall and Library Car Parks

It was agreed that STAND would recommend a status quo as per the current use for blue badge holders at the Pall Mall car park.

Lack of signage at the Hanley Library car park indicating that blue badge holders could use the staff car park was also mentioned. Michelle would ask if disabled people were still allowed to use the staff car park at the museum.

3. The minutes of the general meeting held on 23rd February 2016 were agreed as a true record.

4. Middleport Pottery Update

Pam had a successful on site meeting with Teresa Fox-Wells and it had been agreed to redo a central corridor through the existing cobbles which would be easier for wheelchairs and people with disabilities to negotiate. STAND representatives would be invited to

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assess the work after completion. Pam had thanked Teresa on behalf of STAND for her help with this problem,

5. Meir Drainage Channels

Jennifer Pardue had contacted Leslie Smith as the work had not actually been completed as previously thought. At an on site meeting, Karl agreed with all the points mentioned and would endeavour to get this sorted as soon as possible. Pam thanked Jennifer for her help with this problem.

6. Trinity Street Plans

Deferred to the next meeting due to John's illness.

7. Community Transport Update

Pam had finally received a copy of the overdue report, which did not consider the requirements of people or any possible options. She had contacted Leslie Smith who had confirmed that Brian had said that this should be included in future Council planning. Pam was confident that Jack Brereton would be helpful regarding this matter.

8. STAND Publicity

Although Michelle was not well and had had to resign from the Executive Committee, Pam was aware that she had been publicising STAND at the Blurton Hub, as she had received requests to become members. Pam also asked for a volunteer to replace Michelle and thanks Michelle for all her great work on behalf of STAND.

9. Taxi/Private Hire Overcharging

The following was clarified:

Private Hire vehicles can only charge for the distance covered on a journey. Taxis can charge for time while loading the vehicle as their meter is ticking all the time. Taxis can also operate as private hire vehicles so users are advised to obtain a price before getting into any private hire vehicle. The Council are willing to investigate any incidents of overcharging.

10. Green Door Fun Day

Pam asked for donations for the tombola stall and anyone who could help on the 2nd July.

11. Any Other Business

a) Chiropody

Pam thanked Rob Ffello for his help with this. She asked members who were having problems with getting appointments with the chiropody services to contact her so that she can follow this up. The service was currently inadequate for patients' needs and this needed to be recognised.

She asked that members supply her with written evidence to support problems experienced.

b) Pavement Parking

The leaflets promised by the Crime Commissioner to be put on offending vehicles by PCSOs had yet not materialised. A particular problem in Dawlish Drive had been investigated by Jack Brereton and overhanging vegetation seemed to be the cause. The Council would be issuing notices requiring the trimming of vegetation by owners and if this was not done, the council would do it and charge the owners.

c) Malthouse Road

Rita Dale raised the problem of access for wheelchairs in this area and Pam advised her to contact Leslie Smith for contacts in the Highways department to pursue this. If she had any further problems then STAND would invite a representative from the Highways department to our meeting to discuss this.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on at 10,00am on 21st June in the Civic Centre, Stoke.

