

vcsTogether
Community Transport Forum
Hempton Memorial Hall
Thursday 22 February, 2007 2.00pm

Notes

Present:

Sandra Ormerod, Age Concern – Fakenham;
Peter Bowen-Thomas, Age Concern - North East Norfolk;
Daphne Potter, BACCS Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme;
Alison Taylor, BACCS Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme;
Don Johnstone, NVS CarLink;
Andy Turner, Fakenham Forum;
Brenda Coldrick, First Focus – Fakenham;
Jane Murchie, Great Massingham Community Car Scheme;
Norman Cooker, Holt Caring Society;
John Wratten, Kickstart Norfolk;
Margrete Thorensen-Moore, Norfolk Rural Community Council;
Paul Gray, North Walsham Area Community Transport Association;
Andrew Campbell NVS Norwich & Norfolk Voluntary Services;
Barry Langley, West Norfolk Community Transport;
Brad Stein, West Norfolk Community Transport;
Peter Morris, West Norfolk Voluntary and Community Action

Forum background and purpose

Agreed that there is a value to have an sub-set of vcsTogether Forum to focus on issues of community transport. While the starting point for membership is to be among community transport operators, the group is also open to organisations with an interest in community transport.

Request for the group to cover an area including West Norfolk as some operations go across the border was agreed, and the Terms of Reference to be adjusted accordingly.

Group identified the need for:

- gathering evidence to demonstrate the added value of community transport, particularly in relation to contracts with the PCT.
- clarity on CRB checks,
- support with volunteer retention and recruitment,
- profile raising and
- support with funding issues.

Access needs survey

A survey by the Rural Community Council is underway to create a detailed picture of access to everyday services and amenities in rural areas.

Next meeting

2.00pm 15 March 2007 at Hempton Memorial Hall.