

## Minutes of the Pembrokeshire Access Group Meeting.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 1.30pm, County Hall, Haverfordwest

Present: Annette Peter (Chairperson), Jessica Hatchett (Secretary), Margaret Baron (Treasurer), Bill Cleevely (President), Alan Hunt Access Officer, Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC), Reg Owens (County Council Cabinet Representative), Frank Heasman, Beryl Thomas-Cleaver, Eva Rich, Peter Russ, Maggie Kirby, Helen Wright, Kate ? (PCC), Kay Mathias (PCC)

Apologies: Stuart Merritt and Jeremy De Wilton arrived during the talk given by Kay Mathias.

Susan Cook, Liz Cartwright (Hywel Dda), Marilyn Pope, Maisie Jakeway, Simon Hancock, Karen Chandler (Pembrokeshire People First), Cllr.

Bus Driver Training: Kay Mathias from Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) came before the group to explain that as part of the Certification of Professional Competence all drivers undertaking work as part of PCC public service bus route contracts are to be given Equality and Disability Awareness Training. As part of the certification awarded by PCC bus companies must have a complaints system in place. PCC are looking to use the animations produced by Space to Create to generate discussion and to avoid confrontation during training. Training on the Pembrokeshire Passport is to be included as well as the Wheelchair Passports. For more information please contact Kay Mathias (PCC) on 01437 764551.

Minutes for the meeting December 2017: After reviewing the minutes Rex Codd proposed that they reflected a true record of the meeting and Eva Rich seconded.

Treasurers Reports: The balance of the Pembrokeshire Access Groups bank account is two-thousand, twenty pounds and ninety four pence (£2020.94). Margaret has received notification from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs that her name has been registered on the Access Group's account for the purposes of Gift Aid. Amazon have launched a programme by the name of Amazon Smile, which is a way of purchasing goods from Amazon and donating to a given charity. **Ian Hatchett to investigate how to enrol us onto the programme.**

Correspondence:

1. Email from Debbie Johnson of PACTO with their response to the Welsh Government Consultation on the All Wales Concessionary Travel Scheme.
2. Email from Magnum PA asking if we were going to repeat the conference this year.
3. Access Association newsletter.
4. Email from Cllr. Reg Owens stating that he had put down a question in cabinet that a Changing Rooms toilet facility be included in the proposed Multi Screen Cinema and Bridge Street development, Haverfordwest.
5. Email from Sea Trust seeking support for their proposed wheelchair friendly boat.
6. PPF Annual Report.
7. Mobiloo price changes from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018.
8. Info on new type of beach wheelchair from Alton

Mobility.

9. Info from Claire George (PCC) about Universal Credit Full Service to be introduced in Pembrokeshire on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

10. PPF flyer about their Don't Leave Me Out, self-advocacy group.

11. PPF flyer about "Our Health Service – what's it like for you event at the Picton Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> March 12.30am – 5.00pm.

11. Email from Martin Bell with comments he made on behalf of the Group at the Pembrokeshire Greenways Business Plan meeting.

Constitution: A sub-group was set up to review the Group's constitution, this subcommittee is to be comprised of the following:

Margaret Baron

Susan Cook

Alan Hunt

Annette Peter

Beryl Thomas-Cleaver

Susan Cook's nomination was received prior to the meeting.

Community Voice: The next CIL meeting is to be postponed until a draft constitution has been written ready for consultation. **Jessica Hatchett to inform those invited.**

Ian Hatchett (on behalf of Red Target Ltd.) raised the issue that Accessible Pembrokeshire was nearing the limits of its hosting provision and asked for the future of Accessible Pembrokeshire be raised at the next Group meeting.

PPF Report: Jeremy De Wilton and Stuart Merritt delivered the PPF report.

Education Services: Group members have been unable to obtain a copy of the current Education Authority's Access Strategy from the Council's website. **Annette Peter to write to the Director of Education and Schools to request a copy and to invite someone from Education Services to talk to us at a future Access Group meeting.**

AOB: Maggie Kirby raised the issue of pedestrian/cyclist co-mingled pavements. Alan Hunt pointed out that there was no guidance as to how to deliver non-segregated pathways as consensus was that at the time this was not considered something which could be done safely.

Neyland Community Hub is to include Neyland Library and any co-located services. As PCC has raised the possibility of this model becoming more widespread Ian Hatchett asked that an offer to access appraise the plans be made. **This was agreed by the group and agreed that it should be made in writing to Paul Miller (Director, Neyland CIC).**

Access to Healthcare: Jessica Hatchett raised the issue that there was no disabled toilet in Withybush Hospital's Pre-Natal Screening Section. **Jessica Hatchett to write on behalf of the group to raise the issue with Hywel Dda.**

Issues were raised regarding access to Learning Pembrokeshire's Computer Section. **Alan Hunt to investigate.**