

BOPF & VIP Open Forum Meeting

Thursday 6 June 2019, Broadmead Baptist Church, 1st flr, 10:30 – 12.30

Union Street (next to *Tesco Express*), Bristol, BS1 3HY

MINUTES

Present	<p>Trustees: Chair: Judith Brown (JB), Deputy Chair: Ian Bickerton (IB), Treasurer: Christina Stokes, (CS), Gloria Morris (GM), Jenny Smith (JS), Gillian Seward (GS), Tony Wilson (TW) Staff: Ian Quaife, Engagement Worker (IQ) Minutes: Yolanda Pot, Finance & Admin Manager (YP)</p> <p>Members present: 37; non-members: 9; Total: 46 Event feedback forms: 31</p>
Apologies	David Elson (DE)
1.	<p>BOPF Chair, Judith Brown: welcome, housekeeping and apologies At the Open Forum meeting on 7 February 19 the top three topics that members chose when we asked them "<i>What Matters to you</i>" were Transport, Air Quality and Physical and Mental Health. 'The theme for this Open Forum was Transport' JB asked everyone to fill out the event feedback form and to sign the photo consent form which had been placed on the tables. There were no objections from anyone in the audience about Cheryl Martin taking photographs. JB asked people to observe the BOPF code of conduct rules: turn off mobiles, do not shout or swear, be respectful to each other and the speakers and challenge politely. Be friendly and support each other. We are all different. This is a non-political forum.</p>
2.	<p>Cllr Kye Dudd (KD) - Bristol Cabinet Member for Transport and Energy Cllr Kye Dudd is also a postal worker for Royal Mail and was involved in campaigning to stop the Galleries Post Office closing. It has moved into the back of WHSmith. KD is the Cllr for the City Centre which includes Broadmead, Redcliff and St Michael's Hill. He has been in the Mayor's cabinet for 18 months with a remit in waste management and energy. 4 months ago he took over the Transport brief so he is still learning.</p> <p>The bus network is one of BCC Transport priorities. Bus use in Bristol is growing. We would like to see journeys to work by bus substantially increase. This year we had £1.5 million to subsidise off peak time journeys. We are working with First Bus to look at how we can increase the the number of bus lanes on arterial routes in order to double the number of journeys. There is a Memorandum of Understanding between BCC and FB. In the medium to long term we are looking at the feasibility of creating a mass transit system/underground system to increase capacity. So far two reports have indicated it is feasible. This would be for 4 lines. One from Temple Meads to the Airport. The others to the North, East and West of the city. KD also spoke about Bristol's Walking and Cycling Strategies.</p> <p>Q1 There are many complains about the length of time there have been roadworks at Temple Gate. A1 We are looking at introducing a permit scheme for road works, so that companies are given time limits. We are going to take a pause before the Redcliff Way road works begin.</p>

	<p>Q2 Complaints. We should be having car free days. A2 Work on the Clean Air strategy has been going on for the last 18 months. A plan is going to cabinet in July 2019. See https://www.cleanairforbristol.org/</p> <p>Q3 What are you going to do about pot holes? A3 The BCC does not have the resources/funds.</p> <p>Q4 Re: the battle between cyclists and walkers. This is a big issue particularly for wheelchairs users, the visually impaired and walkers. Cycling and walking routes need to be segregated.</p> <p>A4 There is a hierarchy of priority and pedestrians are at the top. Cycling behaviour is a matter for the police, though they don't have funding for this.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>First Bus, James Freeman, Managing Director Development of Clean Energy Buses First Bus website: [https://www.firstgroup.com/about-us/facts-and-stats/case-studies/bristol-green-buses,070619] First Bus Driving the Green Agenda in Bristol</p> <p>First Bus was proud to be an official partner of Bristol European Green Capital 2015. Bristol has always had a reputation for setting the public transport agenda, and First Bus worked hard to help establish Bristol as a test-bed for sustainable transport innovation.</p> <p>For example, a First Bus trial of a gas powered bus, commonly known as the 'Poo Bus' as it's powered by bio-methane created using human and food waste, has led to a joint bid alongside four local authorities for 110 double decker bio-methane buses for Bristol. Should these plans be successful, the vehicles will be deployed on routes designated 'Air Quality Management Areas' and First Bus in Bristol will by some distance run the most environmentally friendly fleet in the UK.</p> <p>First Bus continues to experiment with electric power. The introduction of GPS geo-fence technology enables Virtual Electric vehicles to recognise when they enter areas of the city with poor air quality and then switch to green all-electric mode. Two of these buses, funded in part by the DfT, entered service in Bristol at the start of 2016.</p> <p>In addition, 58 double decker low carbon certified vehicles fitted with Euro 6 engines will have entered the Bristol fleet this financial year, replacing single-deckers and providing more capacity. That includes 34 'StreetDeck Micro Hybrid' buses, which are among the most fuel efficient vehicles available and a product that First Bus helped trial, develop and bring to market.</p> <p>JF said that for now they had decided they were only going to use gas powered buses and not electric buses. The reason for this is that batteries are unreliable and too expensive. One battery costs £300,000, the same as the cost of one bus. The battery also makes a bus heavier and therefore the emissions on tyres exceeding emission on engines. There is a fully working gas station.</p> <p>There are plans to increase the bus fleet to accommodate the planned increase in bus routes from around 450 to 600 buses.</p> <p>We will support the introduction of Clean Air Zones.</p> <p>Q1 There is a Westbury transport consultation group. What we still need is a plan to encourage more people to use buses instead of cars.</p> <p>A1. Currently there is a public consultation on the No 2 bus in Henleaze. The section of road from Waitrose to White Tree is the most unreliable bit of road. <i>What is one person's friend is someone else's enemy!</i></p> <p>Q2 What plan do you have to improve the service in Whitchuch, Hengrove and Stockwood,</p>

	<p>i.e. around the edges of the city? A2 Passengers pay for the cost of operation. If there are not enough passengers then we cannot run the service.</p> <p>Q3 Is public ownership the solution? A3 They would still have the same problem. The problem is not about who owns the busses, but about who owns the network and who is going to pay for them. We need funding from central government. It has to be resolved at a national level.</p>
	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>BOPF Transport Action Project, Ian Quaife (IQ) IQ gave a PowerPoint presentation. The project will deliver on transport priorities identified by our members. There are 3 parts to the project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport Special Newsletters 2. Development of our On-Line Transport Information Hub 3. Formation of our Transport Action Group (TAG) <p>Two Transport Special Newsletters over the next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These will include a ‘cut out & keep’ travel information section • Real life transport experiences. The good, the bad and the ugly! • Articles and current issues. From Toilets to Trains. <p>The Transport On-Line Information Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to important travel websites • Information on walking/cycling and other transport initiatives/projects • Information for pedestrians • Traffic information <p>Transport News, articles and research findings</p> <p>The Transport Action Group (TAG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet monthly • Share ideas and concerns • Open to all older people • Link to Voice & Influence Partnership • Form a collective response • Develop new research and information • Develop a Transport Discussion Hub with a ‘how can we solve it’ approach. Develop an advisory role • Funding of £20K over one year. • Plan to extend beyond 2020 • Work in partnership • Build a relationship with transport providers/policy makers based on mutual respect but with a critical eye! • Make a difference!
<p>5.</p>	<p>Open Forum - Transport user issues and solutions, Ian Bickerton A sheet with an issues and solutions column was handed out to each table. These were collected and will be summarised into a report by Ian Quaife, lead of the BOPF Transport Action Project (TAP). The report will be sent to James Freeman of First Bus and Cllr Kye Dudd. The report will also be used for the TAP.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>BOPF Minutes of the previous meeting</p>

6.1.	Apologies
6.2.	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 19 were approved as a true and correct record.
6.3.	Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
	Close Open Forum meeting at 12:30 hrs
BOPF AGM , Thursday 25 July 2019, Broadmead Baptist Church, 10:30-12:30 hrs Speaker: Mayor of the West of England - Tim Bowles Speaker: Signed (Chair): Date:	