

Access Group Meeting
12 January 2012 @ 2.00 pm

1. Present

H Langen, Chairman	A Hunt	Cllr C Cavill
B Cleevly, Treasurer	A James	Cllr J Codd
B Thomas Cleaver	E Rich	M Bell
J McNamara	M Jakeaway, Secretary	
T Martin-Smith	M Baron, Secretary	

2. Apologies

J Price, W Evans, T Martin-Smith, Annette Peter

3. Town Rider – Debbie Johnson

- a) Debbie talked to the Group about the proposal by Welsh Government to end the funding for the Town Rider Scheme on March 31st 2012.
- b) Options for lobbying to protect this vital service were discussed including lobbying Assembly Members and signing the online petition at <http://tinyurl.com/town-rider>.
- c) Access Group to issue press release

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4. Correspondence

- a) It was agreed to write to Withybush Pavilion offering the Group's services to assess toilet provision with a view to improving accessibility as a venue.
- b) A reply from the Queens Hall has been received in respect of use of their toilets by the public. It simply stated that the issue has been resolved?
- c) After a visit to Narberth Post Office by the Access Officer, a letter was sent to them confirming access arrangements in place.
- d) Email received from Arriva Trains Wales stating that storage of tandem bicycles on their trains is not physically possible at this time.

5. Treasurer

- a) Indemnity insurance has been renewed.
- b) Balance at bank stands at £1,488.43 credit.
- c) It was suggested that an application to "Awards for All Wales" should be investigated to provide future funding of Group activities.
- d) Form to be completed for PCC concessionary grant.

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6. Constitution Change

- a) The Access Officer met Anne Isaac from PAVS to discuss amendments to the constitution and informed the Group of their discussions.
- b) It was decided to continue with the two tier system but with refinements to allow the 51% rule to continue.
- c) Anne Isaac has agreed to draft the changes for evaluation at a future meeting.
- d) The question was raised as to whether the Group is still a member of PAVS.

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7. PCC Website Monitoring

- a) Members are asked to continue monitoring the Council website and report any problems or ideas for improvement.

- b) The next step is to consider the headings which we previously recommended to PCC's Marketing team to suggest content for the proposed dedicated 'disability' page.
- c) For reference the headings are attached to these minutes.

8. Tourism Services Database

The web manager is to be approached to determine the style of the database.

9. County Show

- a) The cost of a stand in an enclosed area is to be determined.
- b) Ann Edmunds is to be asked for advice.
- c) Nicky Legg PIPPA is to be asked for advice

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10. Love Pembrokeshire

- a) Trevor Owens is to be contacted to see if he is interested in helping organise the awards.
- b) Town councils and chambers of trade to be approached to collaborate/support/promote.

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11. Chairman's Report

- a) Henry and Alan are attending a meeting in Tenby on Jan 13th with Simon Hart MP, Tenby chamber of trade and PCC to discuss the issue of 'A' frame advertising and pavement obstruction.
- b) Scaffolding and skips obstructing footways and blue badge parking spaces are issues which are regularly raised with Cllr Jim Codd.
- c) Eva has issues with advertising boards in Saundersfoot.

12. Access Officers Report

- a) Contact has been made with Colin Thomas from the Confederation of Public Transport UK (CPT) regarding the use of mobility scooters on buses. Currently there is no statutory obligation for bus operators to carry mobility scooters but CPT has a voluntary code of practice which we should encourage in Pembrokeshire.
- b) Colin Thomas is to be asked to talk to the Group at a future meeting.

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13. Any Other Business

- a) The One Show wants to know which towns and villages have had street lights turned off.
- b) PCC pavement cleaning should happen outside normal shop trading hours to avoid obstructing footways.

Meeting finished at 4.05pm.