

Thornhill & District Community Transport

**Minutes of Meeting
held at Thornhill on
Tuesday, 17/12/2013**

Present: David Hastings, David Dick, Jenny Bourne, Jock Scott, Tom Park, Gordon Neilson, David Kerr, Rab Cook, Ronnie Gibson

Apologies: John Docherty, John Maxwell, Joan Neilson

1.	Welcome: TP, Chairman, welcomed everyone.	
2.	Apologies: As noted above.	
3.	Minutes of Previous Quarterly Meeting: Proposed: GN Seconded: RC	
4.	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: DK noted that there <u>had</u> been a Financial Report lodged with him by DD for the previous meeting, prior to DD's departure on holiday, but that DK had overlooked this at the time of the meeting. Apologies. New documentation (invoices, ready reckoners etc) had been produced, reflecting increases in charges.	
5.	Scottish Government: a. Govt has announced a fund for CTAs to acquire/replace vehicles. GN, DD & DK to meet to draft application to this fund, as also to a fund announced, in the last couple of days, by Tesco. Applications still contemplated to Holywood Trust, Lottery, Windfarms etc. DK had met Cllr Dempster on Friday and had been told that D&GC had decided that it should only be approached for funding 'as a last resort' from now on. Noted, but we will be applying to them anyway.	
6.	Financial Report, incl review of charges [annexed] Hires down some £500 over the year; mainly less use by WHA, who, in any case, have the use of three buses of their own. Still some business from them, however. Expenses up some £1300; due almost entirely to hire of replacement bus while ours out of action due to lift jamming. Position remains satisfactory notwithstanding, due to receipt of Windfarm grant, intended to reimburse us for scheduled routes that Transport Scotland would not pay for. Heading for either a slight surplus, or a slight deficit, over the year. Either way, DD happy with situation and our current level of charges. No adverse feedback received over increase in charges.	
7.	Bus Report a. Most recent quarterly check: completed in the last 10 days. No faults identified. Should help reliability and prevent MOT failures. b. General: Lift has failed. Due a service anyway. JB has contacted Cumbria Tail-lifts, who will come out to it in the next week or two. Briery Park (only expected users of the lift) informed, and will make suitable arrangements. Heater working, but some complaints received about its making a burning smell. Will have to be lived with. c. Bodywork: Recent scheduled bodywork not completed, owing to a bereavement amongst M&S Autos' personnel. Will be rebooked for some quiet period in Jan/Feb.	

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8.	AOCB: JB had had approach from a party, who have already booked CVCT bus, but might want an additional one, proposing trip to the Lake District on weekend of 14/16 March. JB had explained bus not available on Friday morning, which organisers seemed to be able to adapt to. JB had also explained Double Journey necessary. Organisers had wanted to keep bus there, but had been unwilling/unable to provide overnight accommodation for driver. DK happy, in principle, to undertake journey, but only if accommodation provided or cost refunded. Enquiry had been provisional only, and might not arise again.	
9.	DONM: TP pointed out Heritage Society likely to be using FS Club on next proposed date (25/03/2014), so decided, subject to availability, to go for 18/03/2014 instead. And subsequent meeting, incl AGM, on 17/06/2014.	
10.	Meeting Closed At 19.45.	