

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **PEAK PARK TRANSPORT FORUM** held on 4 April 2005 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor W Burrows (Derbyshire County Council)  
(In the Chair)

**Derbyshire County Council**

B Ames, Councillor B Lucas, J Seymour, Councillors D B Taylor and Mrs J A Twigg

**CPRE**

A Robinson

**GMPTE/PTA**

P Johnston

**Macclesfield BC**

A J Knowles

**Peak District National Park Authority**

A Ashe, M Crompton, T Critchlow, P Stubbs

**SPITS**

C Bell

**Stockport MBC**

R Banks

**Tameside MBC**

P Calverley and Councillor R Oldham

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf Councillor J Bevan (Peak District National Park Authority), D Lepper (Countryside Agency), M Padgett (Kirklees MBC), Councillor A Whitehead (GMPTE/PTA) and Councillor Mrs B J Wilson (Peak District National Park Authority)

**8/05** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Peak Park Transport Forum held on 24 January 2005 be received.

**9/05** **MATTERS ARISING a) A Response to an Agenda for the Development of Northern Passenger Rail Services (min no 6/05 refers)** It was agreed that First Transpennine should be invited to join the Forum.

**10/05** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Mr Gibbons** Mr Gibbons presented his views on the possibilities of rail transport in the future. Mr Gibbons presumed that the reopening of the Buxton to Rowsley line was not to proceed as the Duke of Rutland was still hostile to the idea and a number of bridges were missing. He understood that there was a prohibition on new systems within the park boundary and suggested that Hassop would be a cheaper place to start the line. He suggested that shares could be issued although this had limitations.

Mr Gibbons suggested that an alternative cheaper rail system was required such as a light railway although he was aware that there were already four other light railways in Derbyshire and therefore another may not be sustainable. Mr Gibbons went on to suggest the possibilities of narrow gauge railways, steam traction, electric minibuses and trolley buses. The Chair thanked Mr Gibbons for his suggestions.

**11/05** **SOUTH PENNINES TRANSPORT PROJECT – APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PLAN 2005**

Members of the forum considered the revised SPITS business plan and made comments to be taken into consideration as set out below:-

Cover page – remove heading “A plan to meet the transport needs of the South Pennines”.

Page 3 – Include the Strategic goal behind the Forum as agreed at the previous meeting.

Page 6 , point 4 – amend the title to read “ The development of measures to influence travel behaviour in **and around** the South Pennines area” to reflect the broader influence of land use and development of travel.

Page 6, point 7 – include the Buxton line.

Page 6/7, point 8 – second objective amend to read “ improves road safety and minimises **and mitigates** any adverse impacts of traffic on the environment and the local communities.

The Forum agreed that Highways Authorities should be encouraged in the strongest terms possible to undertake traffic calming in the Mottram-Hollingworth-Tintwistle area.

Page 9, point 1-The Peak Park Transport Forum – Organisations were asked to take back to their organisations and look at the best ways of achieving representation.

Page 9, point 4 – amend 3 to read “ Seeking to ensure that the aims and objectives set for the project are achieved.

Page 9 Finance and Staffing – Amend sentence to read “ In the absence of specific government assistance with this aspect of the strategy, it will be important for the national Park Authority to **investigate the possibility of introducing** its “environmental levy” proposals **that might** develop an alternative income stream.”

Page 12, Transport Developments – incorporate improvements to M1 and M62.

Page 12, Lifestyle developments – increase the significance of climate change.

**RESOLVED** that the changes be may to the document as suggested.

**12/05** **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTURE OF SPITS OFFICER WORKING GROUP CHAIR** The Forum was informed of the departure of Peter Stubbs. On a temporary basis Steve Turner, Head of Policy and Partnerships would take over this role.

The Forum thanked Peter for his hard work, dedication and sound judgement.

**RESOLVED** that the Forum (1) note the changes and support Steve Turner in the delivery of this future role; and

(2) thanked Peter Stubbs for his support.

**13/05** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** **RESOLVED** that the next meeting of the Forum be held on 11 July 2005.