

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS AND WHITTLE-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCILS**  
**MINUTES OF THE SUBSIDISED BUS COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.00PM**  
**AT CLAYTON GREEN LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Clifford Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council  
(Chair)  
Councillor C Bromilow (Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council)  
Councillor T Newall (Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council)  
Councillor R Ormston (Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>16.01 APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted by Councillors G Candlish, J Cronshaw and E Bell</p>	
<p><b>16.02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p>After due consideration Councillor M Clifford was appointed as Chair of the Bus Committee and Councillor T Newall was appointed as the Vice Chair.</p> <p><b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b></p> <p>The following would be the main focus of the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To preserve if possible the 114 bus service for use by the residents of Clayton and Whittle.</li><li>• To provide a service which is cost effective and affordable to the users and for each parish council involved</li><li>• To negotiate with various outside bodies to seek collaboration and possible funding streams</li><li>• To review the users, route and schedule so as to provide an effective service which was value for money.</li><li>• To engage where at possible to consult with the residents within the community.</li></ul>	
<p><b>16.03 INCLUSION OF CUERDEN PARISH COUNCIL</b></p>	

It was requested that Cuerden Parish Council be invited into the consultation process as the bus route would affect their residents.

**16.04 GENERAL DISCUSSIONS / PLANS**

There was a discussion which focused on the following areas:

**Discussion Document**

Longton parish which had recently adopted a local bus service and their clerk had supplied some outlines as to how the service was planned, run and reviewed. This was duly noted by the committee.

**Wigan Road/ Cuerden Circular**

It was reported that the 109 bus had been subsidised by Chorley Council at the present time and the route and timetable had been reviewed and revised. This service would be funded until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. This service could be used as a possible blueprint towards a 114 service.

**Possible Funding Streams**

The size of the subsidy required was estimated to be anywhere in the region of some £60,000 to £120,000. It was also noted that there were no clear figures regarding the running of the 114 service and the amount of subsidy it attracted from LCC. Various contributors were proposed including Chorley Council and South Ribble.

There was a discussion regarding the possible contributions which could be made to the subsidy by the parish councils themselves. This could be clearly determined once more information was made available.

It was agreed that here needed to be a consultation meeting with Lancashire County Council, Chorley Borough Council and the local parish councillors.

It was requested that the Clerk/Chair contact the interested parties and arrange a fact finding session as soon as was practicable.

**Consultation with Residents**

It was proposed that there be some method of consultation not only with the primary users of the service but the residents as a whole

**16.05 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be finalised by email.