

Bus 64 – Interim Report – Cllr Mrs Lynn Little

- Over 70 people in attendance – including Mrs Ann Tyldesley - Parish Clerk from Shilton and Filkins, Mr Trevor Bayliss – Operations Manager at Stagecoach Witney and Cllr Henry Howard. Apologies were received from Cllr David McFarlane. The officer in attendance was Scott Edwards.
- Cllr Howard gave an update on the S7 regarding the withdrawal of the service connecting Carterton to the JR Hospital in Oxford. The outcome of the update was that there is no funding available from OCC to subsidise the journey from Carterton to Witney but Cllr Howard agreed to look into alternative options.
- Parishes that were affected by the withdrawal of the Bus 64 to Swindon are as follows: Carterton, Kencot, Broadwell, Langford and Filkins.
- After a meeting between Cllr Little and Robert Courts MP, it was confirmed that there would be no Government funding.
- A lengthy discussion was held around the following possibilities:
 - To obtain funding for a mini-bus that would take users to Lechlade to connect with the main service to Swindon.
 - To find a sponsor from a major business or organisation who would fund a service direct to Swindon.
 - To investigate the possibility of Stagecoach taking on a reduced service to Swindon
 - To investigate the possibility of Pulham’s taking on a reduced service to Swindon.
- The following action points were agreed by all present:
 - Cllr Little would arrange meeting with the following: Swindon Borough Council, Gloucestershire County Council and the Managing Director of Stagecoach and Pulham’s Coaches to discuss the financial implications to restoring a reduced service.
 - Cllr Little will report back by mid-October, date to be confirmed, when another public meeting will be held.

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