

Community Transport Sub Committee Agenda

4th October 2022.

1. Chair's Welcome
Cllr Janet Jackson welcomed the group.
2. Director for Community Transport England, Caroline Whitney introduced herself and her colleague Chanelle Dwyer, Development Officer.
3. Their aims were set as below:
 - To reduce the number of cars journeys in the town - supporting climate change.
 - To offer a cost-effective mode of transport in light of the cost of living crisis.
 - To bring people into town to support the town centre economy and local businesses.
 - To help those who have very limited or no buses routes due to recent cuts.
4. Update on actions from previous meeting:
 - In principle the TC can contract a bus service. The TC would have to go through the procurement process and the contractors would be responsible for all the correct permits etc.
Councillors have been seeking feedback from residents about the introduction of a possible bus service and feedback has been negative at this moment. It is also worth noting that the bus fare caps have come in which may encourage people to use the buses provided by CEC.
 - Voluntary service – explore costs and possible services – Initial feedback is that voluntary community transport services take a lot of commitment from volunteers and safeguarding is of paramount importance. LS to explore with CW and meet ECT (Ellemere Community Transport).
 - Possible transport to our events – LS feedback that after looking for companies to potentially run the event, she was not able to find one to take on the Christmas event. DE said he would speak to the Roundtable to see who arranged their transport for the Beer Festival.
5. Time and date of next meeting:
15th November 5pm