Minibus Proposal - notes of meeting between the Treasurer to Bath & Wiltshire School Sports Trust and Cllr Richard Mann, 05/09/24

Proposal: to explore with other groups/members of the community the possible use of a minibus for community outings etc.



The Treasurer to the Charity 'Bath & Wiltshire School Sports Trust' lives on King Alfred Way and looks after the minibus that belongs to the Trust.

The minibus is little used and so will generally be available for community/charitable use.

It will be beneficial for the minibus to get some more use.

Charges cannot be made for the use of the minibus (that would require a Taxi licence).

If the community uses it, donations to cover diesel costs would be expected.

The vehicle is not clean air zone compliant.

The vehicle insurers are likely to cover our use of the vehicle. (The Treasurer has had a provisional conversation and will check formally if we do wish to take up use of it).

The vehicle is 17 years old.

The capacity is 15 plus driver. All seats have safety belts.

He agrees that a 'pre drive checklist' would be routinely used by our drivers as if a roadside check was conducted by vehicle inspectors they would expect drivers to be familiar with the basic features eg bonnet opening, screenwash/oil checks etc and would fine if not known.

Use by the School and Scouts - he can see is a good and obvious use.

Drivers would need a minibus category on their licence.

A limited list of community drivers would assist him managing its use by the community.

He would like to source a car parking space in the village for the vehicle and I can help him approach the church for a church hall space. At my suggestion he may also approach Dorothy House. The charity could pay a small fee in return.

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