The Ivers Good Neighbour Scheme

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Management Committee held on
Thursday 13 July 2017 at 21 Bathurst Walk, Richings Park at 10am

Present: Mike Kennedy, Chair; Chris Jordan, Hilary Quincey and Graham Young.

In attendance Michelle Needleman

Absent: Paul Griffin

1.   Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 June were agreed as a true record.

2.   Matters Arising from the previous meeting

(i)   **Hospital Free Parking** Mike had spoken with the PALS coordinator at Wexham Park Hospital and was advised that free parking could not be offered to car schemes such as ours as this would set a precedent . Responsibility for the payment of parking falls to the client not the driver. If this proves to be a problem then either the driver should be able to recover his/her costs as part of their mileage expenses or the client could be dropped off and collected at a later time as a taxi service would. The coordinator will need to discuss this with each client at the time of booking to make them aware of their responsibility. **Action: GY**

(ii)   **Ivers Family Fun Day**   This proved to be successful with several application forms taken for both coordinators and drivers as well as new clients.

(iii)   **Reaching out into the Community** Michelle mentioned the Slough Freegle Group that includes events and help for charitable work as a potential new source for attracting volunteers as well as Community Impact Bucks. Further investigation was required. **Action: MN**

There are also many clubs and societies listed in the *In and Around Iver* magazine that could provide new clients. These groups include: Iver Mobility Group; Kings Church Coffee Morning; Church Luncheon Clubs; Heathway Ladies Group. It was suggested that individual members of the committee could visit these groups and share with their members the IGNS. **Action: MK**

Michelle mentioned Bucks Vision and the social club run at Stoke Poges for its members on the second Tuesday of each month. Currently, Michelle takes up to 4 clients to the club and wondered whether the IGNS could be extended to include these trips. Also there is a registered blind person living at The Orchards Residential Park. It was suggested that Bucks Vision would be prepared to pay the donation for these trips. It was general felt this service could be provided as the scheme evolves.

(iv)   **Letters to GPs** It was agreed that individual letters to the GPs explaining the GNS would encourage more clients to sign up.   **Action HQ**

(v)   **Newsletters** Although an eNewsletter would keep all volunteers in the loop, members thought this was somewhat premature at this stage. However, a telephone call to inactive drivers to check on their status and continued interest would be beneficial. **Action: MK**

3.   Activity report

The total number of jobs requests to date is 12; 10 have been completed, 1 was cancelled and 1 job is still to do.

4.   Financial report

No envelopes had been opened to date as it was felt that 2 people should be present to open and record the amounts received for control purposes. Graham is to progress the charitable status application to set up a community interest group. Michelle, suggested that instead of drivers claiming 45p per mile they could "bank" their miles and "cash them in" to another volunteer driver in exchange for offering transport to the first volunteer when required, e.g. a lift to the station. Although this was considered a worthy suggestion it did not generally find agreement as private arrangements could easily be made.

5.   Date and place of next meeting

Date of next meeting Thursday 17 August at 10.00 at 21 Bathurst Walk, SL0 9AS – courtesy of Hilary Quincey

Distribution: Paul Griffin; Chris Jordan; Mike Kennedy; Hilary Quincey; Graham Young; and all volunteers

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