



# No. 31 Bus

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 62/13

12 AUGUST 2013

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of major changes affecting the No. 31 Bus Service.

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**No. DETAIL**

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**1) INTRODUCTION**

- a) Following changes to services by Southern Vectis, the Isle of Wight Council introduced a funding regime for locally operated substitute services in areas where local volunteers were able to propose appropriate arrangements.
  - b) The local service provided by the No. 31 Bus is operated by Ventnor Community Bus CIC , established in January 2012, with leadership by the then Member of Ventnor Town Council Jim Morgan.
  - c) The service is operated through an arrangement with Island Taxis' Ken Bailey and funded by the Isle of Wight Council.
  - d) Ventnor Town Council has provided a banking function for the service since its inception, receiving monthly payments for it from the Isle of Wight Council and disbursing the funds through invoices provided by Island Taxis.
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**2) CHANGES**

- a) Jim Morgan has informed us that the driver will be resigning from the arrangement for personal reasons for a period likely to be of several months from about the end of September.
  - b) Jim Morgan also said that the Ventnor Community Bus CIC is likely to cease operating in the near future.
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**3) TOWN COUNCIL**

- a) The Town Council has no direct involvement with or responsibility for the operation of the No. 31 Bus.
  - b) The Town Council is asked to consider whether there is any action it might want to initiate in response to the changes identified in 2 above.
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