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To All T17 Volunteers, Shareholders and Clubs

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Dear All

We hope that this finds you well and coping with the continued lockdown. We last updated you in November when we were heading into the latest lockdown and whilst we can be hopeful that there is now a way out of it, we know that this continues to be a difficult time for many. Even with vaccine take up high, future plans for getting out and about, seeing families and friends and thinking about social activities do remain very uncertain.

It will soon be a year since the Transport 17 buses were in service and it now seems likely that we'll be heading for the summer before we are up and running again. The buses have been run regularly over the winter and will be ready to go when they are needed. What guidelines will be in place for how many we can carry on a bus and what social distancing measures will still be needed are not known at present but these considerations will all be part of our planning over the coming months.

### **Stella Jockel**

At the start of year we were very sorry to hear the sad news that Stella Jockel had passed away, aged 88. She worked with husband Alan in support of Transport 17 right from its inception in 1984. After Alan died in 1985, she continued this commitment and up until very recently was an active supporter of our events. We were thrilled to bits with an amazing donation she made in 2019 which will go a long way towards the purchase of a replacement bus for us. Latterly, as her mobility declined, she has been able to use the service herself to attend the URC Lunch Club at Totley Rise. We sent condolences to her family on behalf of everyone at Transport 17 and we hope to be involved in a celebration of her life at a later date.

### **Annual General Meeting**

As you know, we delayed the Annual General Meeting for 2020 until late into the year, holding it via Zoom when it was clear that we weren't going to be able to meet in person and when it was known that such a meeting was acceptable under revised Government Guidance. The meeting had the limited agenda item of signing off the accounts for 2019 and it was in fact attended by the same number of Shareholders as had attended in person in 2019 to sign off the 2018 accounts! Because it is going to be impossible to meet in person until later in 2021, we will once again hold the AGM via Zoom to sign off the 2020 accounts. This meeting will again have the single agenda item of signing off the accounts so that they can be submitted to the appropriate authorities within the necessary timeframes.

Details of the AGM will be circulated to T17 Shareholders.

### **Financial administrative support**

We said in our last update that we would be putting in place some financial administrative support and do now have Wilson Howe (a local accountants based in Greenhill) providing day to day support for all aspects of financial administration for Transport 17. They will be preparing the end of year accounts and will be attending the AGM.

### **General administrative support**

As we set out in our previous update, we didn't go ahead with the recruitment of a Coordinator in the Autumn as there was too much uncertainty about the way ahead. This is still the case but there is a need for help with the ongoing administration of the organisation. Over the last year, Fiona Smith has been providing some of this support and she will be carrying this on for us. Fiona might well be in touch with you over the coming months as we start to look forward.

### **Looking Forward**

As we can start to think about offering a community transport service once more, we need to consider how best Transport 17 can be organised, managed and staffed and how our invaluable volunteers can best be supported. The Management Committee are working with People Keeping Well (Age UK) and other bodies such as Sheffield Community Transport to look at options for future working and we will be in touch to get your views and ideas to shape the way forward. We will keep the AGM limited to the signing off of the accounts but will plan to hold other meetings later in the year to agree ways forward for T17.

In the meantime, we hope that you keep well and that some Spring weather and lengthening days will help us all look forward to a brighter 2021.

If you want to get in touch, please do leave a message on 0114 2362962 or email [admin@transport17.co.uk](mailto:admin@transport17.co.uk) and we will get back to you.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny'.

Jenny Nuttall

On behalf of the T17 Management Committee