

# TravelWatch – *ISLE OF MAN*

## Information Bulletin 1 – January 16th 2007

- A public meeting took place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the Empress Hotel in Douglas to consider the possible formation of an independent Manx Passenger Watchdog. Around 70 people attended and at the end of the meeting there was overwhelming support for setting up TravelWatch Isle of Man.
  - Some 15 people volunteered to be actively involved in the work of setting up the new Watchdog. Efforts are already in hand to begin the work of turning the idea into a reality.
  - Two websites have offered help in building up TWIOM during these early stages. The Positive Action Group – whose initiative it was to set up the initial meeting – will post news of TWIOM on their website [www.positiveactiongroup.org](http://www.positiveactiongroup.org) TravelWatch North West will also post news of TWIOM on their website [www.travelwatch-northwest.org.uk](http://www.travelwatch-northwest.org.uk)
  - An early task is building up a supporter base. Already some 40 people have registered support for TWIOM. Anyone seeking further information or wishing to support TWIOM is invited to contact Brendan O’Friel, co-ordinator for TWIOM, on [brendan@ofriel.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:brendan@ofriel.fsnet.co.uk)
  - TWIOM intends to publish regular information bulletins for passengers and supporters to report progress.
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