
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 16 January 2015
at 10.30am in The Devils Porridge, Annan Road, Eastriggs

Present

Members

Tom McAughtrie (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
David Bryson (Vice– Chairman)	-	External Member
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Ian Carruthers (Substitute)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Denis Male	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Alistair McKinnon	-	External Member
John Syme	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Service Manager (Sustainable Travel)
Karen Riddick	-	Policy Officer
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Janet Sutton	-	Finance Officer
Harry Thomson	-	Lead Officer

Apologies

Marion McCutcheon	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
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Observers

June Hay	-	Outdoor Access Forum
Hugh McCreadie	-	Lochside & Woodlands Community Council
Graham Whiteley		

In Attendance

Martin Brown	-	Beattock Station Action Group
Willie Findlay	-	Eastriggs, Dornock and Creca Community Council
Ewan Green	-	Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council
Cameron Jones	-	Public Affairs Director, Abellio

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

7 Members present and 1 apology

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14 NOVEMBER 2014**Decision**

APPROVED

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the forecast outturn on budget as at 31 December 2014

5. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2014/15**Decision**

The Board:-

5.1 **NOTED** the position for the 2014/15 Capital Expenditure Programme and the issues arising **NOTING** that the Scottish Stations Fund was discussed in an item later on the agenda; and

5.2 **REQUESTED** that a report detailing options for the improvement of the procurement of services be brought back to the soonest possible future Board meeting

6. BUS SHELTER PROGRAMME**Decision**

The Board **AGREED**

6.1 to provide funding of £1,500 to Eskdalemuir Community Council to enable them to install bus shelters at the Church, Community Hub and Garwald Road End;

6.2 to remove seven locations from the current programme as it was considered following site investigations works that no shelters could be provided. The locations are: Dumfries (Locharbriggs opposite William Turner Court), Portpatrick (Main Street), New Galloway (Main Street), Creetown (St John's Street), Dumfries

(Heathhall at Anson Avenue), Dalry (Main Street opposite the Clachan Inn) and Dumfries (Whitesands – Eastbound); and

6.3 the revised scoring criteria as detailed at paragraph 4.5 of the report for the Bus Shelter programme from 2015/16.

7. SCOTTISH STATION FUND

Decision

The Board **DEFERRED** the item to the March meeting of the Board in order that fuller information could be provided including all the options for the funding of STAG reports for the reopening of stations at Thornhill, Eastriggs, Dunragit and Beattock.

8. DRAFT REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY 2014/20

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the presentation provided by the Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council.

9. M74 CORRIDOR STUDY

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the presentation provided by the Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council.

10. SCOTRAIL FRANCHISE 2015-2025

Decision

The Board:-

10.1 **NOTED** that the Lead Officer would write to Transport Scotland further highlighting anomalies fares in the north of our region, and asking that these be addressed as soon as possible, given the low numbers utilising both lines for northbound travel;

10.2 **THANKED** Cameron Jones from Abellio for his presentation on the Scotrail Franchise as detailed in the **Appendix**; and

10.3 **COMMENTED** on the following issues: the access issues at Kirkconnel Station, Stranraer to Glasgow direct services, options for a salary sacrifice scheme for season tickets and opening up student rail cards for use on peak time trains.

11. SAYLSA THE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP FOR CARRICK AND WIGTOWNSHIRE

Decision

The Board:-

11.1 **NOTED** the position with regard to SAYLSA the Community Rail Partnership for Carrick and Wigtownshire; and

11.2 **AGREED** to nominate John Syme as an “Alternate Director” to the SAYLSA Board, to act as substitute for Tom McAughtrie in the event of his non-availability.

12. DRAFT DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the draft Dumfries and Galloway Active Travel Strategy

13. SWESTRANS EQUALITY OUTCOMES

Decision

The Board:-

13.1 **APPROVED** the revised Equality outcomes as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report having **NOTED** the action table as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report; and

13.2 **NOTED** that a progress report against the Equality Outcomes would be presented to the next Board meeting.

14. EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT

Decision

The Board **NOTED** that the Minister for Transport and the Islands had now approved the continuation of Alistair McKinnon’s membership of the SWestrans Board on behalf of Scottish Enterprise

15. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS’ CHAIRS MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the Minute of the Regional Transport Partnerships’ Chairs Meeting of 3 September 2014

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY DECIDE IS URGENT DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION

The Board **NOTED** that there was no business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.

PROCEDURE - The Board **AGREED** to consider the following item of business in private and exclude the press, members of the public and Observers from the meeting given that the report contained confidential or exempt information as defined by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

17. LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Summary of the Report – This report provided Members with an update on the current position of local bus contracts awarded and sought agreement to re-tender and / or renegotiate as appropriate within the constrained timescales, noting that the date for final submissions of registrations for operators to the Scottish Traffic Commissioner is 6 February 2015.

Decision

The Board:-

17.1 **NOTED** both the positions on possible contract hand-back and on commercial registration; and

AGREED

17.2 that officers were remitted to agree amendments to the timetable, within the limits set out in the report and at current costs;

17.3 that in accordance with Standing Order 19, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman could authorise any urgent award subject to the returned prices being affordable;

17.4 that officers could enter re-negotiation discussions as soon as they are able; and

17.5 that in accordance with Standing Order 19, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman could authorise any amendment to award subject to the price being reasonable.