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## SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 13 March 2015  
at 10.30am at North West Resource Centre, Dumfries

### Present

#### Members

<b>Tom McAughtrie</b> (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>David Bryson</b> (Vice– Chairman)	-	External Member
<b>Marion McCutcheon</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>John Syme</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

#### Officials and Advisers

<b>Douglas Kirkpatrick</b>	-	Service Manager (Sustainable Travel)
<b>Karen Riddick</b>	-	Policy Officer
<b>Claire Rogerson</b>	-	Secretary to the Board
<b>Harry Thomson</b>	-	Lead Officer

#### Apologies

<b>Richard Brodie</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Denis Male</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Alistair McKinnon</b>	-	External Member

#### Observers

<b>Hugh McCreddie</b>	-	Lochside & Woodlands Community Council
<b>William Mainus</b>	-	Stagecoach Scotland
<b>Ian Walker</b>	-	Accessible Transport Forum
<b>Graham Whiteley</b>		

#### In Attendance

<b>Martin Brown</b>	-	Beattock Station Action Group
<b>Stephanie Davies</b>	-	Rural Transport Solutions Coordinator
<b>John Holroyd</b>	-	Thornhill Community Council
<b>Ron McLean</b>	-	Beattock Station Action Group
<b>Claire Sokolowska</b>		Administrative Assistant
<b>Janet Sutton</b>	-	Finance Officer
<b>Stephen Thompson</b>	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
<b>Primrose Winston</b>	-	Whithorn Resident
<b>Richard Winston</b>	-	Whithorn Resident

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**0.1 GEOFFREY EVISON (DECEASED)**

The Lead Officer advised the Board of the recent death of Geoffrey Evison of the Nith Valley Line Promotion Group. The Lead Officer and Chairman paid tribute to the contribution that Geoffrey Evison had made whilst an observer to the SWestrans Board.

**1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES**

4 Members present and 3 apologies

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**NONE** declared

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16 JANUARY 2015****Decision**

**APPROVED**

**PROCEDURE** – The Chairman took items 9 and 8 on the agenda next.

**9. WHITHORN BUS SHELTER CONSULTATION****Decision**

The Board **AGREED:-**

8.1 to the installation of bus shelters at Isle Street and at George Street outside former Royal Bank of Scotland, as indicated on the drawings (v) and (vii) in Appendix 3 of the report; and

8.2 that further consultation should be undertaken, with the general population of Whithorn and bus users, on the new proposals, to be completed, in time for recommendations to be made to the next Board meeting, **NOTING** that this was scheduled for 15 May 2015 in Newton Stewart.

**8. SCOTTISH STATIONS FUND****Decision**

The Board:-

8.1 **NOTED** the position in respect of the four prioritised stations subject to potential bids to the Scottish Stations Fund,

**AGREED**

8.2 to maintain the existing priorities for those stations; and

8.3 that the sum of £36,000 be carried over into the 2015/16 Capital Programme

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8.4 **FURTHER AGREED** that the Lead Officer liaise with Thornhill Community Council regarding a presentation to a future Board meeting.

#### 4. **SWESTRANS ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14**

##### Decision

The Board **AGREED** the SWestrans Annual report for 2013/14

#### 5. **SERVICE REVIEW OF SWESTRANS**

##### Decision

The Board:-

##### **AGREED**

5.1 that the “International Framework – Good Governance in the Public Sector” would be used as the Framework to inform the Service Review

5.2 the timeline and methodology for the service review as detailed in the report

5.3 **NOTED** that procurement options for SWestrans would be included as a key element of the Service Review

##### **AGREED**

5,4 to receive a further report on Board Training at the meeting on 15 May 2015; and

5.5 to refreshed induction training being delivered to the Board and Substitutes on the afternoon of 15 May 2015.

#### 6. **SWESTRANS EQUALITY OUTCOMES PROGRESS REPORT**

##### Decision

The Board **APPROVED** the Equalities Monitoring progress report for publication to the SWestrans website.

#### 7. **REVIEW OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY FOR WOMEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

##### Decision

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The Board:-

7.1 **NOTED** the background report on national research into access to public transport by women and people with disabilities; and

7.2 **AGREED** to the review being undertaken within Dumfries and Galloway to establish specific issues for women and disabled people which can inform future service planning and delivery.

## **10. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS' CHAIRS MEETING – 3 DECEMBER 2014**

### **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the minute of the Regional Transport Partnerships' Chairs meeting of 3 December 2014.

## **11. 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

## **12. LOCAL BUS SERVICES AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

### **Summary of the Report –**

This report informed the Board of the outcome of the contract re-negotiation following the update provided at the Board meeting on 16 January 2015.

### **Decision**

The Board:-

12.1 **NOTED** the outcomes of the contract re-negotiation; and

12.2 **HOMOLOGATED** the decision to agree the award of 2 contracts with effect from 6 April 2015.

## **13. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - ISSUES**

### **Summary of the Report –**

To inform the Board on issues on the local bus network, and to seek agreement to additional award of contracts.

### **Decision**

The Board:-

13.1 **AGREED** the increase in awards to two contracts with effect from 6 April 2015

**NOTED**

13.2 the position regarding services provided by a local bus operator; and

13.3 the change of terminal point for the X75 service from Carlisle to Dumfries from 6 April 2015.