
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 15 January 2016
at 10.30am at Ashwood House, Sun Street, Stranraer, DG9 7JJ

Present

Members

Tom McAughtrie (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Ian Carruthers (Substitute)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Jim McColm (Substitute)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Denis Male	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Syme	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

Steven Herriott	-	Interim Lead Officer
Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Service Manager (Sustainable Travel)
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Janet Sutton	-	Finance Officer

Apologies

David Bryson (Vice– Chairman)	-	External Member
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Marion McCutcheon	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Alistair McKinnon	-	External Member

Observers

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

In Attendance

Michael Liebisch	-	START
James Parker	-	Rural Transport Solutions Coordinator

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

4 Members present, 4 apologies, and 1 not present at the start of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 13 NOVEMBER 2015**Decision**

APPROVED.

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4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2015/16 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2015**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the forecast outturn on budget as at 31 December 2015.

MEMBER – John Syme entered the meeting during the following item – 5 Members present.

5. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2015/16 - UPDATE**Decision**

The Board:-

NOTED

5.1 the update on the Capital Programme for 2015/16 as outlined in the report;

5.2 the progress on the review and refresh of the STAG Appraisals for Thornhill and Eastriggs;

AGREED

5.3 the amendments to the priority list of locations for bus shelter renewal / replacement for 2015/16 and that detailed design work would be undertaken for the Springholm bus shelter; and

5.4 an additional allocation of £240 to assist in the development of the Pre-Appraisal for Beattock Station re-opening / local service development on the West Coast Main Line.

6. CONSULTATION ON “DELIVERING THE GOODS” SCOTLAND’S RAIL FREIGHT STRATEGY

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the consultation response to the Transport Scotland consultation “Delivering the Goods” Scotland’s Rail Freight Strategy as shown in Appendix 2 of the report, with an amendment at the end of section 4 to add a more positive comment regarding the link between Stranraer and Cairnryan being:-
“The development of a link to the ferry terminals could provide opportunities to transfer freight from road to rail.”

7. NETWORK RAIL SCOTLAND ROUTE STUDY DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the Network Rail Scotland Route Study for consultation and intentions for providing a submission to the consultation.

8. REVIEW OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY FOR WOMEN, OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Decision

The Board:-

8.1 **NOTED** the review of public transport accessibility for women, older people and people with disabilities;

8.2 **AGREED** the dissemination of the research findings over the coming months, including discussion at the Community Planning Equality and Diversity Working Group and the Accessible Transport Forum;

8.3 **NOTED** the contribution that the research project makes to the SWestrans and Dumfries and Galloway Council Equality Outcomes and Action Plans;

8.4 **AGREED** that the recommendations inform the development of the new Regional Transport Strategy and Community Transport Strategy; and

8.5 **FURTHER REQUESTED** that the Service Manager (Sustainable Travel) write to Scotrail Alliance with regards to the lack of CCTV at Kirkconnel and Sanquhar stations.

9. RESHAPING BUS SERVICES – OPENING CONVERSATION

Decision

The Board **NOTED**:

9.1 the update on the seminar on reshaping local bus services held on Saturday 5 December 2015; and

9.2 that a further update on actions that are being progressed will be provided at the March 2016 Board meeting, and that a second seminar will be organised for later this year.

10. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the amended calendar of meetings and locations from September 2016 to July 2018, **NOTING** that given the conflict with the timing of the Local Government election that there was no longer a meeting scheduled for May 2017; and that details for meetings beyond this date were provisional and would require agreement at the first meeting of the new board.

11. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS JOINT CHAIRS MEETING 16 SEPTEMBER 2015

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the minutes of the Regional Transport Partnerships Joint Chairs meeting of 16 September 2016.

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

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.

13. STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

Report Summary – This report informed the Board of possible staff changes within Dumfries and Galloway Council which could affect the delivery of SWestrans functions and operational activities.

Decision

The Board:-

13.1 **AGREED** to receive a further report on proposed permanent arrangements for discharging the Lead Officer role at the board meeting on 11 March 2016;

13.2 **NOTED** the possible staff changes within Dumfries and Galloway Council which could affect the delivery of SWestrans functions and operational activities; and

13.3 **AGREED** to receive a further report on a sustainable staff support structure and timeline for implementation once the Lead Officer role is agreed.