
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 11 March 2016
at 10.30am at Murray Arms Hotel, Gatehouse of Fleet, DG7 2HY

Present

Members

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

Officials and Advisers

Josef Coombey	-	Policy & Projects Officer
Steven Herriott	-	Lead Officer
Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Service Manager (Sustainable Travel)
James Parker	-	Rural Transport Solutions Coordinator
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Janet Sutton	-	Finance Officer

Apologies

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

Observers

Hugh McCreddie	-	Lochside & Woodlands Community Council
Graham Whiteley		

In Attendance

Sarah Beattie-Smith	-	Scottish Green Party
Graham Dunn	-	SPT
Bob Geddes	-	Galloway News
Laura Hoodie	-	Scottish Green Party
Brena Jessie	-	Scottish Green Party

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

5 Members present, 2 apologies, and 1 not present at the start of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15 JANUARY 2015

Decision

APPROVED.

MEMBER – Alistair McKinnon entered the meeting during the following item – 6 Members present.

4. RESHAPING LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Decision

The Board:-

4.1 **NOTED** the progress towards reshaping local bus services as detailed in the report; and

4.2 **THANKED** Graham Dunn from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) for the presentation on the West of Scotland Integrated Transport Hub project, Community Transport Public Social Partnerships and opportunities for joint working on flexible transport delivery (**Appendix 1**).

5. ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the SWestrans Annual Report for 2014/15.

6. NATIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY REFRESH

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the publication of the refreshed National Transport Strategy and the intention to undertake a full review of the Strategy in the next Scottish Parliamentary term.

7. GLASGOW TO STRANRAER RAIL SERVICES

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the recommendation of Wigtown Area Committee of Dumfries and Galloway Council, and **SUPPORT** the reinstatement of direct services to Glasgow and to Prestwick Airport from Stranraer.

8. CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO NETWORK RAIL SCOTLAND ROUTE STUDY

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the consultation response to the Network Rail Scotland Route Study Draft for Consultation as shown as Appendix 2 to the report.

9. EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBER – NHS DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

Decision

The Board **AGREED**:-

9.1 the continuation of the appointment of David Bryson to the SWestrans Board to be the external Member nominated by NHS Dumfries and Galloway for a further 4 years;

9.2 that following completion of required appraisal as part of the reappointment procedures, that the Lead Officer writes to the Scottish Government to seek the consent of Scottish Ministers on this reappointment; and

9.3 dependent on the decision of Scottish Ministers to his reappointment, that David Bryson continues in the appointment of Vice-Chairman

10. LOCAL BUS SERVICE FUNDING 2016/17

PROCEDURE – Further information regarding the costs and usage of the bus routes detailed in paragraph 5.5 of the report was circulated to the Board, Observers and public present (**Appendix 2**).

Decision

Board Members **DEFERRED** a decision on this item for 2 weeks pending a special board meeting being called to consider this item fully, noting that the date of this meeting was subject to Council Diary availability. The additional information **REQUESTED** should include usage figures for all the routes, clarification on the

payment of the net revenue expenses of SWestrans for each financial year by Dumfries and Galloway Council (requisition), commercial services information, and the results of a short public consultation **FURTHER REQUESTING** that options be presented more visually for consideration to fully inform the decision making on this matter.

11. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS JOINT CHAIRS MEETING 1 DECEMBER 2015

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the minutes of the Regional Transport Partnerships Joint Chairs meeting of 1 December 2015.

12. DRAFT EXPENDITURE BUDGET 2016/17

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the draft revenue budget for 2016/17 as set out in the table below:-

Item	Cost (£)
Staff Costs	103,532
Property Costs	1,700
Supplies and Services	67,595
Transport Costs	1,000
Procured Services	4,086,212
Central Support	48,750
TOTAL	4,308,789

13. 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.

ADJOURNMENT – the Board adjourned at 12.20pm and reconvened at 12.30pm with the following Members present: - Tom McAughtrie, Richard Brodie, Ian Carruthers, Alistair McKinnon, Denis Male and John Syme.

14. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - CONTRACTS

Summary of Report – This report informed the Board of the withdrawal of a number of commercial local bus services, the procurement of replacement and existing local services, and the award of contracts.

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The Board:-

14.1 **AGREED** not to award any contract for service 431 Newton Stewart to Kirkcudbright; and

14.2 **DEFERRED** the consideration of contracts SW/16/367/A (3) and SW/16.382/X to the next meeting.