
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 26 June 2015
at 10.30am at Community Centre, Cotton Street, Castle Douglas

Present

Members

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

Officials and Advisers

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

Apologies

David Bryson (Vice– Chairman)	-	External Member
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Observers

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

In Attendance

Ian Carruthers	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Stephanie Davies	-	Rural Transport Solutions Coordinator
Archie Dryburgh	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

5 Members present, 1 apology and 1 not present at start of meeting

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15 MAY 2015**Decision**

APPROVED

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4. REVENUE BUDGET OUT-TURN REPORT 2014/15**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the draft outturn for 2014/15 and that a break even position was achieved.

5. UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS 2014/15**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the unaudited Annual Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2015.

6. SWESTRANS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014-15**Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the outturn position on the 2014/15 SWestrans Capital Programme.

7. SWESTRANS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2015/16

MEMBER – Richard Brodie entered the meeting – 6 Members present

Decision

The Board **AGREED**:-

7.1 the Capital Programme for 2015/16 as outlined in the Appendix to the report; and

7.2 an amendment to the priority list of locations for bus shelter renewal / replacement for 2015/16 to include Newfield Caravan Park.

7.3 **FURTHER AGREED** that the Chairman would write to DGFirst of Dumfries and Galloway Council concerning the delays and issues with regards both to the provision of bus shelters and real time display at Langholm.

8. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS JOINT CHAIRS MEETING

Decision

The Board:-

8.1 **NOTED** the minutes of the meetings of the RTP Joint Chairs meetings held on 3 December 2014 and 4 March 2015; and

8.2 **FURTHER NOTED** that the Chairmen of the RTPs had met with the Transport Minister on 11 June 2015, and that the Chairman had asked the Minister to look at restrictions placed on SWestrans concerning rural transport provision and school services.

9. LOCAL BUS SERVICES – 246 CUMNOCK TO DUMFRIES

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the changes to local bus service 246 Cumnock to Dumfries effective from 10 August 2015.

10. 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.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – The meeting adjourned at 11.10am and reconvened at 11.20am with the following Members present:- Tom McAughtrie, Richard Brodie, Marion McCutcheon, Alistair McKinnon, Denis Male and John Syme.

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

11. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - OPERATOR SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

Summary of the Report – To update the Board of the sustainability issues raised by an operator of local bus services, and to agree a course of action to maintain bus services in the Wigtown Area.

Decision

The Board:-

11.1 **NOTED** the position on sustainability issues relating to local bus operations in the Wigtown Area; and

11.2 **AGREED** to accept the proposals from the renegotiation as outlined in Option 2 of the report, to maintain local bus services in the Wigtown Area.

12. LOCAL BUS SERVICE – OPERATOR QUALITY ISSUES

Summary of the Report – To update the Board on the level of service provided on local bus contracts provided by a local operator.

Decision

The Board :-

NOTED

12.1 recent communication with the local operator; and

12.2 deductions made from contract sums for a number of operators.

AGREED

12.3 that a Termination Notice be served on the operator in respect of two local bus services, with the contractual notice of two weeks provided for; and

12.4 that the Lead Officer should implement short-term arrangements for temporary service provision, along with seeking tenders for service provision until the scheduled termination date for current contracts (31 March 2017).