# SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 29 June 2018 at 10.30am, Buccleuch Centre, Buccleuch Square, Langholm

#### Present

#### **Members**

Andrew Wood (Chairman) - Dumfries and Galloway Council David Bryson (Vice-Chairman) - NHS Dumfries and Galloway

Richard Brodie - Dumfries and Galloway Council

John Campbell - Dumfries and Galloway Council

Archie Dryburgh (Substitute) - Dumfries and Galloway Council

Alistair McKinnon - Scottish Enterprise

Adam Wilson - Dumfries and Galloway Council

## Officials and Advisers

Douglas Kirkpatrick - Lead Officer

Claire Rogerson - Secretary to the BoardKirsty Dunsmore - Policy and Projects Officer

Janet Sutton - Finance Officer Rebecca Scott - Graduate Trainee

# **Apologies**

Davie Stitt - Dumfries and Galloway Council

#### Observer

Christopher Bradberry Craig - Thornhill Station Action Group

#### 1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

The Secretary advised that there had been an administrative error on the agenda calling the meeting, as any other business which the Chairman may decide is urgent due to the need for a decision had been omitted at item 16.

7 Board Members present, 1 apology noting that Archie Dryburgh was substituting for Davie Stitt.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

#### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8 MAY 2018

## **Decision**

**APPROVED** 

#### 4. REVENUE BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2017/18

#### **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the draft financial outturn for 2017/18 and that a break-even position was achieved.

# 5. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/2019 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2018

#### **Decision**

The Board NOTED the forecast outturn for the revenue budget as at 31 May 2018.

## 6. DRAFT ANNUAL (UNAUDITED) ACCOUNTS 2017/18

#### **Decision**

The Board NOTED the unaudited Annual Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2018 which would be submitted to the Board's external auditors for review.

#### 7. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2017/18 OUTTURN REPORT

## **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the outturn position on the 2017/18 SWestrans Capital Programme.

# 8. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2018/19 – BUS SHELTERS AND SHORT PATHS

# **Decision**

The Board:

- 8.1 **NOTED** the review of bus shelter condition;
- 8.2 **AGREED** to request that a further report providing fuller detail on the priority list for bus shelter renewal / replacement 2018/19, highlighting those that were difficult to achieve, new or existing bus shelters; and
- 8.3 **NOTED** the initial work being undertaken to develop short paths between communities to enable and support functional walking/cycling noting that a further report would be provided at the October 2018 meeting.

#### 9. BOARD MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

## **VOTE**

- 9.1 **Motion** Proposed by **Andrew Wood**, seconded by **Archie Dryburgh**To agree that the Board meetings should be held in Dumfries whilst recognising that there may be circumstances where it would be necessary to move the meeting to improve public accessibility when there are prevalent local issues on the agenda.
- 9.2 **Amendment** Proposed by **Richard Brodie** seconded by **John Campbell** To agree that the status quo with regards to the location of Board meetings remains in that the SWestrans Board continues to meet at different locations across Dumfries and Galloway.
- 9.3 In a vote taken by roll call Board Members voted as follows:-

Motion:-4

Being:- Andrew Wood, David Bryson, Archie Dryburgh and Adam Wilson.

Amendment:- 2

Being: - Richard Brodie and John Campbell.

Abstentions - 1

Being: Alistair McKinnon.

#### **Decision**

9.4 The Board **AGREED** Board meetings should be held in Dumfries whilst recognising that there may be circumstances where it would be necessary to move the meeting to improve public accessibility when there are prevalent local issues on the agenda.

## 10. TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL

The Chairman thanked the Lead Officer and his team, noting that the contributions from Dumfries and Galloway on the Transport Bill had been commended at a recent meeting with the then Minister for Transport Humza Yousaf MSP.

## **Decision**

The Board:

- 10.1 **NOTED** the key measures set out by the Transport (Scotland) Bill, and that regular updates would be provided; and
- 10.2 **AGREED** that the Chairman would write to the new Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson MSP and invite him to Dumfries and Galloway.

## 11. ACTIVE TRAVEL TASK FORCE

## **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** the work of the Active Travel Task Force and the publication of the Active Travel Task Force Report.

#### 12. STAG APPRAISALS UPDATE

The Lead Officer advised that there was no verbal update to provide as no advice had been received from Transport Scotland.

# **Decision**

The Board:

- 12.1 **NOTED** the update on the work towards developing potential rail station reopening bids with a further report to the Board due in October 2018; and
- 12.2 **AGREED** to remit the Chairman to write to Transport Scotland and the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity for feedback should that be required following the Lead Officer's meeting with Transport Scotland next week.

#### 13. SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP -

#### **Decision**

The Board:

#### **NOTED**

- 13.1 the proposed development of a National Youth Community Rail Partnership;
- 13.2 the request from ScotRail for SWestrans' written support of a National Youth Community Rail Partnership; and
- 13.3 **AGREED** in principle, to support the establishment of a National Youth Community Rail Partnership.

#### 14. LOCAL BUS SERVICES - TIMETABLE CHANGES -

**PROCEDURE** – The Chairman advised that he had received correspondence received from the A76 Action Group and agreed that this be distributed at the meeting for consideration at this item. (**Appendix**)

# **Decision**

The Board:

- 14.1 **NOTED** the implementation of timetable changes to the local bus network on 8 July 2018; and
- 14.2 **AGREED** that the Chairman through the Lead Officer respond formally to the A76 Action Group and Stagecoach.

#### 15. PUBLIC SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

#### **Decision**

The Board **NOTED** 

- 15.1 the progress on the pilot projects within the three Public Social Partnership work steams as highlighted in section 3 of the report; and
- 15.2 that a further update report on the Public Social Partnership will be brought to the Board in October 2018.

# 16. 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 item of business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.

**PROCEDURE** - Members of the South West of Scotland Transport Partnership Board **AGREED** to consider the following item of business in private and excluded the Press, members of the public and Observers from the meeting given the report contained confidential or exempt information in respect of paragraph 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

#### 17. LOCAL BUS SERVICE 101/102 DUMFRIES TO EDINBURGH -

<u>Summary of Report</u> – This report updated the Board on the replacement of the 101/102 Dumfries to Edinburgh local bus service and sought agreement for the award of contract.

## **Decision**

The Board **AGREED** option 4 for the award of contract for Dumfries to Edinburgh and requested that ways to strengthen partnership working across different authorities be investigated.