
SOUTH WEST OF SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting of Friday 21 September 2018
at 10.30am, Room 2, Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries

Present

Members

David Bryson (Vice-Chairman)	-	NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Richard Brodie	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Campbell	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Davie Stitt	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Adam Wilson	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Officials and Advisers

Douglas Kirkpatrick	-	Lead Officer
Claire Rogerson	-	Secretary to the Board
Josef Coombey	-	Policy and Projects Officer
Kirsty Dunsmore	-	Policy and Projects Officer
Janet Sutton	-	Finance Officer
Rebecca Scott	-	Graduate Trainee

Apologies

Alistair McKinnon	-	Scottish Enterprise
Andrew Wood (Chairman)	-	Dumfries and Galloway Council

Observer

David Anderson		
Christopher Bradberry Craig	-	Thornhill Station Action Group
June Hay	-	Outdoor Access Forum
Frazer Smith	-	Stagecoach Scotland
Graham Whiteley		

In Attendance

Martin Brown	-	Beattock Station Action Group
Councillor Jim Dempster		
Lynn Wilson	-	South West Scotland Community Rail Partnership

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

PROCEDURE – In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting.

5 Board Members present and 2 apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 29 JUNE 2018

Decision

APPROVED

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/19 FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2018

Decision

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

5. REPORT BY EXTERNAL AUDIT ON THE 2017/18 AUDIT OF SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Decision

The Board:

5.1 **RECEIVED** the external auditors' report on the 2017/18 audit as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

NOTED

5.2 that no issues have been identified in the course of the audit which have impacted on the fairness of the financial statements submitted for audit; and

5.3 that the audited accounts (Appendix 3 to the report) were be certified by the Treasurer and Grant Thornton after the meeting.

6. THE GENDER REPRESENTATION ON PUBLIC BOARDS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018 - UPDATE

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the response from Dumfries and Galloway Council as detailed at paragraph 3.1 in the report.

7. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Decision

The Board:

7.1 **NOTED** the final evaluation report on the Dementia Friendly Communities as shown in the Appendix to the report;

7.2 **AGREED** that an invite to a future Board meeting be sent to Alzheimer Scotland to discuss their recent works on Dementia Friendly Communities.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION STRATEGY

Decision

The Board **AGREED** to the development of a draft Community Engagement and Consultation Strategy for consideration at the SWestrans Board meeting in October 2018.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT

Decision

The Board **AGREED** the Risk Management Plan and Risk Register for 2018/19.

10. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2018/19 - UPDATE

Decision

The Board **AGREED** :

10.1 the amended bus shelter renewal/replacement programme 2018/19 as shown in Appendix 3 to the report; and

10.2 the draft Active Travel Infrastructure criteria as shown in Appendix 4 to the report.

11. TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL – CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Decision

The Board **AGREED** a response to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's invite to submit written views on the Transport (Scotland) Bill as detailed in the Appendix to the report subject to the following amendment relating to responsible parking :-

“Following the withdrawal of the traffic warden service by Police Scotland there has been a problem of enforcement especially in local authorities which do not have a decriminalised parking scheme. The barriers to decriminalising are the significant cost and time needed to implement the process and the subsequent revenue implications following implementation. The Bill should consider ways to simplify decriminalisation of on road parking.”

12. STAG APPRAISALS UPDATE

Decision

The Board **NOTED** the update on the work towards developing potential rail station re-opening bids and the need to align with the consultation for South West Scotland: Case for Change.

13. STATION TRAVEL PLANS

Decision

The Board:

13.1 **NOTED** the commencement of Station Travel Plan work for Dumfries rail station; and

13.2 **AGREED** SWestrans officers undertake similar work on a Station Travel Plan for Lockerbie rail station.

14. LOCAL BUS SERVICES – UPDATE

VOTE

14.1 **Motion** – Proposed by **Adam Wilson**, seconded by **Davie Stitt** to agree that the Board provide half the contribution following the request from Scottish Borders Council to provide an annual contribution of £36,278.55 to the cross-boundary local bus services X95 Galashiels/Hawick to Carlisle, to allow talks to take place

14.2 **Amendment** – Proposed by **Richard Brodie** seconded by **John Campbell** to agree the request from Scottish Borders Council to provide an annual contribution of £36,278.55 to the cross-boundary local bus services X95 Galashiels/Hawick to Carlisle.

14.3 In a vote taken by roll call Board Members voted as follows:-

Motion :- 2

Being:- Adam Wilson and Davie Stitt.

Amendment:- 2

Being :- John Campbell and Richard Brodie.

Abstentions – 1

Being :- David Bryson

The Chairman declined to use his casting vote.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETNG – The meeting adjourned at 12.23 and re-convened at 12.25 with 5 Board Members present.

PROCEDURE – Adam Wilson and John Campbell withdrew the motion and amendment.

Decision

The Board:

14.1 **AGREED** to **DEFER** consideration of the request from Scottish Borders Council to provide an annual contribution of £36,278.55 to the cross-boundary local bus services X95 Galashiels/Hawick to Carlisle, until the next meeting on the basis that the Lead Officer write to Scottish Borders Council for more information;

NOTED

14.2 the estimated annual usage of service 111 Dumfries Town Centre to Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary;

14.3 the announcement on the future of the National Concessionary Travel Scheme by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and connectivity; and **AGREED** that the Lead Officer write to the Cabinet Secretary on the issue of providing free bus travel for Modern Apprentices.

14.4 **AGREED** to **DEFER** consideration of the extension of the service 246 journey at 2030 from Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary to Sanquhar to serve Kirkconnel until the next meeting.

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.