

Cross-Party Group on Cycling, Walking And Buses

6th Meeting

Tuesday 1 May 2018, 18:00-19:30

Committee Room 4, Scottish Parliament

MINUTES

Present: Alison Johnstone MSP (Co-convenor, chair) Graham Simpson MSP (Deputy convenor), Jeremy R Balfour MSP; Mark James (Transform Scotland, group secretariat); David Cannon (CalMac), Ken Haig (CLEAR), George Mair (CPT), Keith Irving (Cycling Scotland), Suzanne Forup, CyclingUK, Iona Shepherd (GoBike!), Start Hay (Living Streets), Ian Findlay (Paths for All), Stuart Douglas (Paths for All), Vincent Fisher (Police Scotland), James Cave (Royal Scottish Geographical Society), David Giles (SAPT), Alex Quayle (Sustrans), Daisy Narayanan (Sustrans), Colin Howden (Transform Scotland), Tom Rye (Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University), Alison Irvine (Transport Scotland), Paul Junik (Transport Scotland), Karen Furey (Transport Scotland), Stuart Henderson (Transport Scotland), David Kernohan (Transport Scotland)

Apologies: Claudia Beamish MSP (Co-convenor) Rod Mitchell (Cycle Law Scotland), Kim Harding (Edinburgh Festival of Cycling), Michaela Jackson (Gorebridge Community Development Trust), Jess Dolan (Ramblers Scotland), Simon Pilpel (South Lanarkshire Council), Dave du Feu (Spokes), Robert Samson (Transport Focus), Adrian Davies (Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University)

1. Welcome and introductions

- 1.1. Graham Simpson MSP [GS] opened proceedings at 18.10. Due to illness Alison Johnstone [AJ] agreed to chair however she was late.

2. Apologies

- 2.1. These are noted above.

3. Confirmation of agenda

- 3.1. It was agreed that a further application for membership would also be considered at item 6. However an secretarial error resulted in Elgin CC's application being replaced on agenda.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

- 4.1. **DECISION:** The minutes of the meeting held on 24/01/18 were approved as a good record.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

5.1. **DECISION:**

- Action at item 6.3-6.5 (07/11/17) carried over has now been completed. Letters agreed and sent to Police Officers responsible for delivery of Operation Close pass campaigns.

- Action at item 7.2 (07/11/17) Stuart Hay still in process of setting up meeting with Co-convenors to organise site visit. Mark Russell added Paul Grice (Chief Executive Scottish Parliament) is very interested in the audit process.

6. Membership applications

6.1. CH reported that one application for membership of the group had been received.

6.2. **DECISION:** The following organisation was approved for membership:

- Living Streets Edinburgh

7. Presentation from Alison Irvine, Head of Strategic Transport Planning, Transport Scotland on the them of STPR2

7.1. Alison Irvine [AI] made a presentation on the process of the Strategic Transport Project Review 2. The presentation is available at [Transform Scotland website](#)

7.2. Her talk featured (1) background to STPR (2) an overview of the process, how it fits into the other strategies (NTS, NPF4) including use of scenario planning tool. (3) The Appraisal will have a National overview with a regional focus rather than a corridor, as STPR1. (4) Active Travel confirmed as central theme with the maintenance of the investment hierarchy (5) the pilot run in the Scottish Borders that elicited 3000 responses, which is at draft stage. (6) The consultation will request advice on Cycling Walking and Buses on a strategic level. (6) A timescale was given of evidence 2019 with final publication end 2020.

7.3. AI agreed to attach her presentation to the minutes. AV was unavailable but the powerpoint will be available on the Transform Scotland's website in due course.

8. Q&A

8.1. Chris Day (CD) referred to the Borders Study pointing out that the survey was aimed at individuals rather than organisations. AI said they would look at ways for organisations to respond by end of June.

8.2. Mark Ruskell (MR) asked under maintaining existing infrastructure where does the cycle network stand. AI stated 1. Need to look after existing network. 2. Requires extra funds 3. Build new assets. If not already present then use drivers.

8.3. Keith Irving (KI) asked will STPR 2 take into account existing policies? AI confirmed that it was too early to say how these would be taken into account.

8.4. Stuart Hay (SH) - referred to Buchanan Street and a lack of assets. He suggested an imaginative Strategic Street Network was required.

8.5. Ian Findlay was surprised public health, environment, climate change not mentioned. The emphasis was on Planning review and City Deals. AI said they were being careful not to step on the toes of Local Authorities. But there would an emphasis on everyday walking and cycling.

8.6. Iona Shepherd (IS) were they bound by the City Region deal projects? e.g. Glasgow contains Cycling and Walking proposals as part of consideration. AI stated that there political constraints and the issue was complex.

8.7. Alison Johnstone (AJ) said her mailbag was full of concerns over the issues over Sherrifhall Roundabout and related active travel issues. She asked how does Transport Scotland (TS)

deal with conflicts. AI stated there is a priority to support economic development of East Scotland.

- 8.8. Tom Rye (TR) asked about STPR 2 Vision and Outcomes. 1. Will projects be evaluated against these and 2. Will the review identify balance of funding across modes, time and spatial. AI responded yes and the approach had not been defined yet.
- 8.9. Graham Simpson asked why there was no mention of transport in the Planning Bill? He queried the delivery risk to STPR 2. The response was that it was more about the passage of the Bill rather than the content.
- 8.10. Colin Howden stated there was a gap in regional infrastructure delivery and how was it to be filled? AI said the Roles and Responsibilities Group met over the last year and was still waiting for discussion.
- 8.11. Ken Haig Asked how smaller urban areas (eg Levenmouth) would be served? He gave an example of bus service withdrawal. In response AI said the National transport Strategy Tackling Inequality Group was acting quickly and the Pilot survey in Borders Region would assist in the process.
- 8.12. Alex Quayle raised the issue of the sequencing of NTS and STPR 2. NTS publishing early 2019. IN addition he asked if it will change Outcomes and Vision? AI said NTS was already drafted so the STPR 2 would be based upon.
- 8.13. IS asked for an update from the Active Travel Task Force (ATTT) report. Karen Furey was able to say the report was 2-3 weeks from publishing.
- 8.14. TR said he had read the Exec Summary of the Borders Survey. He then asked how to ensure that delivery of Active Travel that involves more complex delivery involving a wide range of bodies, not just TS? AI said it was a key challenge to the Strategy as SG can't deliver all by itself and partners were required.
- 8.15. MR asked a question on the Transport Bill that ASI was unable to help with.
- 8.16. AJ giving an example in Norway of radical action and that there was a lack of vision in Scotland, asked if growth in demand is being tackled? AI said reducing demand for travel has been prioritised but economic growth, increasing population and fuel price leading to a forecast for travel to grow.
- 8.17. SH asked about the potential for Interchanges? AI answered that development would be prioritised where infrastructure already exists. There is an aim to change balance and free up buses.
- 8.18. AJ made the point that it was important to reduce attractiveness of cars and focus on demand management.

9. Proposals for date & theme for next meeting

- 9.1. Previous suggestions were reviewed and an update on ATTT and Street Audit report were confirmed for next meeting.
- 9.2. In addition KI suggested discussion of Westminster Bill re Death by Dangerous Cycling.
- 9.3. KH brought up issue of path widths in new developments and need for action at Planning level.
- 9.4. A date for the next meeting was discussed, and September/ October was settled upon.
DECISION: The next meeting of the group should be held in September/October 2018.
ACTION: MJ to confirm date for next meetings & advise the Parliament and group members.

AJ closed the meeting at 19:28.

Minutes: MJ, 28/05/18.