



## RELBUS Ordinary Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 in the Town House, Haddington

### Present:

Barry Turner (RELBUS chair)  
Philip Immerzi  
Morag Haddow (Sustaining Dunbar)  
Jacquie Bell (Dunbar CC)  
Allison Cosgrove (Dunpender CC)  
Cllr Michael Veitch (East Lothian Council)  
Ralph Averbach (Pencaitland CC)  
Gavin Booth (Bus Users Scotland)  
Barry Hutton  
Harry Barker  
Steven King

### Apologies:

1. Apologies were noted
2. Matters arising:
  - Short life working group – to be dealt with later on the agenda.
  - Bids to the Bus Investment Fund – 2 bids had been put forward: one on the Haddington to Wallyford Park and Ride; and one for the post of a Bus Development Officer post. Haddington CDT has committed funds as has ELC – now waiting to hear from Transport Scotland.
  - ELC staffing issues – Cllr Veitch reported on staffing changes. He explained the tender process for services.
3. Passenger Charter – Philip Immerzi reported that a first meeting had been very useful. The next meeting on 4 September would focus on ELC.
4. Bus Users Scotland – Gavin Booth reported that the group was working with the Scottish Government on a number of issues. Funding had been made available for an office and staff. Complaints, including the appeal process, and bus compliance monitoring were two issues that had been taken on, with a system of bus monitors throughout Scotland being set up. (Noted that Passenger Focus do not have a remit on buses in Scotland, and fares were not within the group's remit).
5. Iain Gray's Bus Regulation Bill – agreed that Barry and Philip would put a draft together. Responses were required by 31 August. (*Post Meeting Note – response time now extended to 4 October*).
6. Current Bus Issues
  - Michael Veitch had met with First and requested a public consultation event in Dunbar.

- Noted signing important at bus stops
- Supported service charges explained to audience
- New timetable from 30 September; 130 will be Dunbar Town Service and 120 Dunbar – North Berwick. 128 Haddington – ERI will include Gullane. 129 will have improved connection with Prestonpans Station.
- Eve and Prentice happy to meet every 6 months or so and tweak services if necessary.
- Question on the 113 – the service is to become all double deck because of capacity issues
- Question on bus passes not being allowed on trams – Michael Veitch will take this up with Edinburgh Transport Convenor.

Date of Next Meeting – to be arranged.