

RELBUS Ordinary Meeting

19 November 2013 in the Town House, Haddington

Present:

Barry Turner (RELBUS chair)
Robin Sinclair (Pencaitland CC)
Harry Barker
Nick Morgan (Gifford CC)
Shena Jamieson (Humbie, Bolton, E & W
Saltoun CC)
Alex McKendry
Philip Immirzi (Sustaining Dunbar)
Morag Haddow (Sustaining Dunbar)
Jacquie Bell (Dunbar CC)
Allison Cosgrove (Dunpender CC)

Apologies:

Cllr Michael Veitch
Ron Prentice
Cllr Dave Berry
Gavin Booth
Colin Barnes
Peter Armstrong

1. Apologies were noted. Thanks were expressed to Peter Armstrong for getting RELBUS off the ground and for work done.
2. Matters arising:
 - Vacancy for member from East Lammermuir Community Council
 - Minutes of meeting of 20 August – agreed.
 - Bus passes will not be permitted on trams – to go to Bus Forum for discussion.
3. *Passenger Charter* – Morag Haddow will circulate this. To be discussed at next week's Bus Forum. Barry Turner will ask Michael Veitch if a photocall can be arranged when the Charter is agreed.

Action – Barry

The ownership of the Charter was queried and if it would be part of the tendering process.

4. *Community Rail Partnership* – Noted that Linda Ferguson, AcoRP, was producing a draft application. Harry Barker has done work on bus times including Dunbar services. Bus / train integrated tickets were proposed. RAGES and CRP to be included in regular updates.
 5. *Bus link Haddington-Wallyford* – Noted that the bid to Bus Investment Fund to improve infrastructure at Wallyford Station had not been successful. Prentice was aiming to launch the service next year in a different format. All welcomed this.
 6. *Bus Stopping at Prestonpans Station* – to go on agenda for the Bus Forum.
 7. *Other matters for the Bus Forum* – 1. Integrated timetables; lack of information at bus stops; congestion in Musselburgh causing air quality problem. Michael Veitch to be asked for an update from Peter Forsyth, ELC.
- #### Action – Barry
8. *Future priorities for RELBUS* – ticketing – could shops sell bus tickets? ; ELC website has no links to bus operators (Philip will take to Bus Forum); problems with First Bus; long term parking in Haddington.
 9. *Other Bus Issues* – timetabling and service delays on 113 service and reinstatement of express service requested; Bolton has less buses than before; Dunbar – some buses now meet trains.
 10. *Vacancy for East Lammermuir area* – Secretary to send Chris Bruce's (Chair of ELCC) details to Barry
- #### Action – Allison
11. *AOCB* – Noted that SESPLAN guidance provided for 3,600 extra houses in East Lothian up to 2024.

Date of Next Meeting – 18 February 2014.