



RELBUS Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 30 September 2014

Present:

Barry Turner (chairing)
Morag Haddow (Sustaining Dunbar)
Harry Barker
Jacquie Bell (Dunbar C. Council)
Cllr Michael Veitch (arr. 8.15pm)

Apologies:

Alex Macaulay (SESTran)
Cllr David Berry
Iain Gray MSP
Allison Cosgrove (Dunpender C. Council)
Ross Prentice (Prentice Coaches)
Alex McKendry
Cllr Kenny McLeod
Gavin Booth (Bus Users Scotland)
Ian Malcolm
Shena Jamieson (Humbie, Saltoun, Bolton)

1. *Apologies accepted*
2. *Minutes* of last meeting approved. Matters arising – MV to update RELBUS on where things stand with ELC website, bus stop audit, line map of services, and combined timetables for main towns.

Action MV
3. *Passenger Charter Update* – no sign of bus charter at bus stops. Unsure if it is available in libraries. Perryman's have noted their involvement on their excellent new timetables.
4. *Community Rail Partnership Update* – Harry Barker reported that there will be a photoshoot in Wallyford soon (to draw attention to the fact that Wallyford still needs a station adopters' group), and that the Partnership will be formally launched after the announcement of the Scotrail franchise winners in October. Harry noted that many of the issues discussed in the CRP were about bus connections at stations as access to stations is one of the main focuses of the Partnership. They have submitted a response to the Council's consultation on tendered bus services highlighting where connections with trains could be better and urging operators to note nearest bus stop on their timetables.
5. *Buses and Tourism* – Some discussion of issues raised by David Berry's talk at AGM. Agreement that current services need to be better advertised, and that more links could be made with local businesses, e.g. timetables should be readily available at caravan sites. Agreed to put presentation on RELBUS website for reference. BT will raise issue of lack of bus/rail integration at next SESTRAN meeting

Action MH

Action BT

6. *RELBUS input into ELC tendering process* – A response has been submitted, suggesting: 'tweaks' to the existing timetables which could improve the services dramatically; improving links with train stations, including highlighting the nearest bus stop on the bus timetables; and stressing the importance of clock-face timetables to making services easier to use. The committee expressed their thanks to Harry Barker for taking the time to analyse local services in detail, and for drafting the RELBUS response. The RELBUS response will be posted on our website.

Action MH

7. *Items for Bus Forum on 28 November* – BT and HB will attend. Ask to add to agenda:

- Look at different models for public transport to isolated communities
- Summary of responses to consultation
- Ask operators how they promote their local services
- What is being done to promote the Passenger Charter?

8. *Current Bus Issues* – An approach to RELBUS had been made by a Whittinghame resident regarding lack of services in her area. Agreed to raise this generic point (about serving isolated communities) at next Bus Forum.

9. *Items for the press* – Report of AGM

Action BT

10. *Any other business:*

- Sustaining Dunbar Gathering In on 25 Oct. MH to attend to recruit new members. MH to design and purchase banner to promote our stall and use at other events – using money donated by Dunpender CC.

Action MH

- MH reported back from talk she gave about the work of RELBUS at the Older People's Forum. Recruited several more organisations as members as a result.

11. *Next Meeting* – Wed 28 January 7pm in the Town House, Haddington

Notes taken by MH 30.9.14