



Regional Transport Partnerships

Chairs Meeting

Buchan Braes Hotel, Boddam, Aberdeenshire

Minute of Meeting held in
Boddam on Wednesday 7th
December 2016 at 9.30am.

PRESENT
Cllr Ramsay Milne, Nestrans (Chair)
Cllr Michael Stout, ZetTrans
Cllr James Stockan, HITRANS
Cllr Will Dawson, TACTRAN
Cllr Lesley Hinds, Sestrans
Cllr Tom McAughtrie, Swestrans

IN ATTENDANCE
Mrs Joanne Gray, Transport Scotland
Mr Ewen Milligan, Transport Scotland
Mr Randal Robertson, HITRANS
Mr Bruce Kiloh, SPT
Mr George Eckton, Sestrans
Mr Eric Guthrie, TACTRAN
Mr Douglas Kirkpatrick, Swestrans
Mr Michael Craigie, ZetTrans
Mr Derick Murray, Netrans

APOLOGIES
Cllr Jonathan Findlay, SPT
Cllr Stephen Hagan, COSLA
Mr Eric Stewart, SPT
Mr Robert Nicol, COSLA.

Welcome and Apologies 1 Cllr Milne welcomed everyone to Boddam for the RTP Chairs meeting and noted the apologies above.

Presentation by 2 Mr Laidlaw gave an informative presentation on Peterhead Harbour and the Peterhead Port Authority. After questions, the Chair thanked Mr Laidlaw for his presentation.
Iain Laidlaw,
Chief Executive
of Peterhead
Port Authority.

The Chair and Mr Murray at this juncture then tabled a variation to the Agenda requesting that this be adopted as the Agenda for the meeting. The Chairs agreed to this change and the new Agenda was circulated in hard copy

Minute of RTP 3 The Minute was agreed as an accurate account of the meeting.
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on 14 Matters arising would be covered elsewhere on the agenda.
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- a) Option to hold a one day workshop - The Chairs agreed to hold a one day workshop in January 2017, location to be determined but potentially Edinburgh to discuss the NTS, Transport Bill, Planning Review and other significant issues. The workshop would also provide the input to a letter to the Transport Minister following up from the RTPs recent meeting with him at the Scottish Parliament.

RTP Lead officers to liaise and arrange the workshop. Agreed that each RTP would lead on an agenda item for the workshop.

RTP Lead officers to draft note of recent meeting with Transport Minister and Planning Minister.

RTP Lead officers, after workshop, to draft letter for sending to Transport Minister on key issues.

- b) Meeting with the Ministers – Outcomes / Next Steps – Noted that Minister would like to attend at RTP Chairs meetings twice a year.

RTP Secretariat to issue invitation to Minister for future Chairs meetings.

Mr Milligan noted that regarding the Transport Bill, an issue they had identified was the current lack of facility for RTPs to carry reserves into future years.

Regarding transport governance, Mr Milligan indicated that the Minister was thinking about reviewing the accountability of RTPs.

The Chairs agreed to consider this at the proposed workshop in January.

- c) Scotrail public sector bidder –

The Chairs agreed that this be considered at the proposed workshop in January.

This proposal can happen due to the new Scotland Act and the Minister had indicated that options were being considered for how to take this forward. Next opportunity for a bid may be 2020 when there is the potential for a break in the ScotRail franchise contract.

- d) NTS –

The Chairs agreed that the agenda for the Cities Alliance on the NTS could be considered for the proposed workshop in January.

- e) Transport Bill –

The Chairs agreed that this be considered as part of proposed workshop in January

- f) Planning Review –

The Chairs agreed that this be considered as part of proposed workshop in January.

Noted apparent lack of momentum of the Roads Collaboration programme.

- g) City Deals / Growth Deals – each RTP gave brief update on the relevant ones for their areas.

- Modal updates 5
- (i) Active Travel – no update.
 - (ii) Bus – Mr Kiloh highlighted progress on Strathclyde Bus Alliance proposal and that the document would be circulated to RTPs in due course.
- SPT to circulate SBA proposal document once complete.**
- Next Bus Stakeholders Group to be arranged for early 2017.
- (iii) Ferries – Mr Craigie and Mr Robertson gave brief update on Northern Ferries contract.
 - (iv) Rail – update given on ECMA – recent event in London went well, although concerns raised over future of ECMA as some authorities were pulling out. The Chairs agreed to a joint RTP response to the TS Rail Infrastructure Strategy, responses due in February 2017.
- RTP Lead officers to liaise and prepare joint response to Rail Infrastructure Strategy.**
- (v) Air – Mr Murray noted the UK Government’s recent announcement on the third runway for Heathrow. Mr Robertson noted the importance of good connections to Heathrow and that the new Inverness – Heathrow service had made a very strong start.
- Dates of Future Meetings 6
- The Chairs agreed to these subject to the 6 September meeting being moved to late August, and the June meeting being cancelled due to local council elections.
- RTP Secretariat to circulate updated list of dates of future Chairs meetings.**
- Next meeting - 8 March 2017 hosted by Sestran.**
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- Mr Milligan also noted regarding the RTP members voting issue, that the Planning Minister had indicated that a consultation on this would be issued soon.