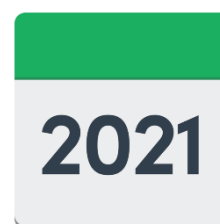
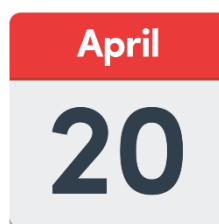


Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland



Advising Scottish Ministers
on Accessible Travel

Main Committee Meeting



Who was at the meeting?



Linda Bamford, Convener
Naghat Ahmed
Audrey Birt
Marsali Craig
Joanne Devitt
Susan Fulton
David Hunter
Keith Robertson
Hilary Stubbs
Hussein Patwa
Michael Tornow
Fraser Sutherland



Officials:

Karen Armstrong – Deputy Sponsor
Alexis Devlin - Secretariat
Maureen Olliffe - Accessible Travel



Agenda Item 1 Welcome, apologies and introductions.

Linda started the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced them.



Linda said sorry there were no minutes from the January 2021 Main Committee Meeting.

The note of the meeting with the Minister for Older People Equalities had been agreed.

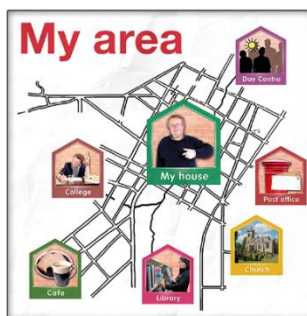
Work has been done on the actions in the Strategic Plan and Work Plan.

These documents had been approved by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport.



The minute of the rest of the January 2021 meeting will be sent to the Committee soon so they can agree it. It will then be put on MACS website.

Action Point One: Alexis will send the Jan meeting minutes to the committee to agree and then put them on MACS website.



Agenda item 2 Update from the Linda.

Linda talked about 20 Minute Neighbourhoods, which was an area from the Programme for Government – the work the Government wants to do.



The people who live in these neighbourhoods can get to the places and services they need, like shops, schools and parks without using a car.



MACS, Disability Equality Scotland and the Health and Social Care Alliance have 4 events to look at what 20 minute neighbourhoods will mean for disabled people.

Committee members should sign up for these events if they are interested.



Linda explained how this idea includes things MACS know are important:

- the first and last mile of journeys
- using different types of transport in one journey
- having clear, well looked after pavements with dropped kerbs and no clutter.
- having good accessibility to local services and public transport.





Linda asked if everyone is happy with the work plan.

A committee member stated that Active Travel is now in most political parties' manifestos.

A manifesto is the work a political party wants to do.



Most people thought the manifestos had many areas MACS had been working on.

Many disabled people feel there are many things that make active travel difficult.



Linda and Keith talked about their meetings with Transport Scotland Active Travel Team about inclusion of disabled people.

Disabled people cannot take part in some active travel projects like street bike hire schemes.

The Transport Scotland team will have a survey about this and look at how to make this equal for everyone.



David has spoken to Transport Scotland about:

- what pedestrians and wheelies need
- local neighbourhoods
- getting to services
- routes to bus stops and stations.



Linda often talks to the Active Travel Team about what is missing in services and how to change the way people think about walking, wheeling and cycling.

Agenda item 3: Sponsor Team Update



Karen joined the meeting and talked about:

- work on the Annual Delivery Plan
- MACS recruitment – how we get people to work for us
- the report on design in town centres and busy streets
- the launch of the hate crime charter on public transport.





MACS asked if councils did not spend Spaces for People money it would move to Sustran's Places for Everyone budgets.



MACS wondered if there could be new funding for accessibility.

Karen said MACS should write to the Head of Active and Sustainable Travel about this.



Transport Scotland are having workshops to decide what the Traveline app will do.

There will be a webinar about what disabled people need and want from the app.



Sponsor Team reports will include information about Mobility as a Service and Demand Responsive Transport.

Karen will ask MACS members before the meeting if there is information they want from Transport Scotland as well as the usual updates.

Action Point Two: Sponsor Team report to include an update on MaaS and DRT.

Action Point Three: Deputy Sponsor to check in with MACS members, while preparing Sponsor Team Update paper, to identify any areas the committee wish information on.



Agenda Item 4: Workstream Leads Update

Planning and Strategy

David will speak about MACS current position on Motability at the 4 Nations meeting in April 2021.

MACS think Motability is not value for money.

MACS want to ask the CEO of Motability for 2 things:

1. Motability customers should get money from profits the company gets makes.
2. Customers can keep their power wheelchair, mobility scooter or mobility aid at the end of the rental period, instead of giving them back to Motability to sell.

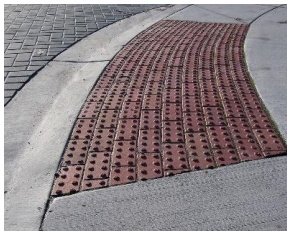


The mobility aids will have been paid for by the customer during the lease period.

The Committee agree with this.

Rail

Hussein talked about:



A meeting of the Office of Road and Rail talked about, tactile surfaces at train stations as a health and safety issue not an accessibility one.

There will be a new passenger assistance booking app.

It will be updated later in the year.



In the last 3 months Rail Workstream members met with Transport Scotland staff.



There will be a meeting to introduce new MACS Members to the Transport Scotland Rail Team.

Action Point Four: Alexis will set up the next meetings between MACS Rail Workstream and Transport Scotland Rail Policy Leads.

Bus and Community Transport



Audrey told the meeting about:

Workstream members went to a meeting about a consultation on Community Transport.

The next meeting about taxi work will be about:



- the good practice guide
- the survey on taxi card schemes
- driver training
- accessible taxis in each council area.



Alexis has sent out information asking people to choose dates for the next meeting.

Roads, Infrastructure and Active Travel:



Keith told the meeting about:

Information about the April Development Day.

Alexis will send information to people who are coming to the meeting.



Keith talked about research on kerb and pavement heights.

Kerbs should be 60mm high.

Transport Scotland will get a company to get facts and figures on the kerb height.



The Scottish Law Commission have asked MACS to take part in a consultation on the rules for automated vehicles.

Susan and Keith have met with them about what the questions will be.

Ferries and Planes

Hilary told the meeting about:

Not as many people are travelling on the ferries because of social distancing.

CALMAC will let key workers or people going to a hospital appointment get tickets first.



North Link Ferries will let passengers who want to be on their own to get on the ferry early and go straight to a cabin.



They have a special handcuff link for passengers who need someone to help them.



The Ferries Assistance Fund has given out money and work is starting on projects like Mallaig Harbour shelter.



Hilary had an online meeting with Glasgow airport to discuss changes to their assistance.



Hilary represents MACS on the Mobility as a Service awards panel to give money to projects.

She is pleased to see applications from projects about Demand Responsive Transport and Transport to Health.



Demand responsive means transport like Dial-a-Ride buses.

Users call a booking service that plans a route to pick people up and take them where they want to go.

Tell us what you think

1. Do you think the idea is a good one?

Yes

No

Not sure

MACS have given information to the consultation on the Islands Plan Route Map.

Agenda Item 5: Key Messages for Twitter



MACS will post a Twitter message about passenger assistance for Rail Travel. and the reduction notice to one hour from 1 April 2021.

Agenda Item 6: Anything else we need to talk about?



Hilary talked about Mobility as a Service.

Funding is available for projects.

This will be added to the agenda for the May meeting so Hilary can tell us more about it and we can talk about it more.

Action Point Five: Linda to add Mobility as a Service to the agenda for meeting on 4 May 2021.



Agenda Item 7: End of meeting.

Linda thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.