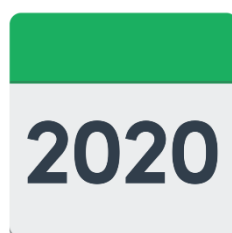


Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland



Main Committee Meeting



Who was at the meeting?



Naghat Ahmed
Linda Bamford, Convener
Audrey Birt
Marsali Craig
Joanne Devitt
Susan Fulton
David Hunter
Keith Robertson
Hilary Stubbs

Who was not at the meeting?



Hussein Patwa
Michael Tornow
Fraser Sutherland



Secretariat:

Karen Armstrong - Deputy Sponsor
Lucy Logan - Secretary
Bryan Little



Agenda Item 1 Welcome, apologies and introductions.

Linda started the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking everyone to introduce themselves.



Linda thanked all committee members for their hard work.

She introduced Bryan who joined the Accessible Travel Team in October.



Agenda Item 2 Minute of last meeting and Action Points.

The minutes of the meeting in July had been agreed by email.

All 10 action points from the July Committee meeting have been done.



Health staff from the Transport to Health group will be at the MACS Committee meeting on 10 Nov.

They will tell the meeting about work on Transport to Health and Social Care and MACS recommendations from their report.



A recommendation is something MACS wants to happen.



Meetings could change after April next year if Scottish government staff can use office spaces.



Agenda item 3 Update from the Convenor

Linda spoke about the Super Report.

MACS will work with organisations who are working on young people's travel needs.



Karen, Linda, David and Hilary had a meeting about choosing 6 new MACS members.



MACS want to have a Zoom meeting for people who want to be MACS members.

This is a good way for people to ask questions and learn more about the Committee.



A draft agenda has been sent to Committee members for MACS Scoping Day on 8 December.

Papers for the meeting will be sent out by 24 Nov.



There are 3 meetings with Government ministers at the start of next year.



There is a 'Knowing me, knowing you' Development Day on 12 Jan 2021 about the travel needs of people with hidden disabilities.

Agenda item 4 Update from Sponsor Team

Karen talked about staff.

They want to get a new team member as soon as possible.



Karen will be leading on the Accessible Travel Team part of Streets for People talks.

The Civil Aviation Authority report on accessibility ratings for airports has been delayed.





MACS delivery plan wanted all Scottish airports to achieve a 'very good' score.

We will change the delivery plan.



Karen and a group of staff met on 14 October to talk about the Inclusive Design report.

There will be more meetings in the future.



Karen has linked MACS to the Pace Project.

It is about electric vehicle charging points in North and South Lanarkshire.

There is a new Challenge Fund – money for electric vehicle charging points for disabled people.



Keith looked at charging points in Lanarkshire.

Keith and Susan are meeting with the Electric Vehicle team on 22 October.



Karen talked about the Disability Equality Scotland webinar 'The Return to Public Transport' on 29 Oct.

Action Point 1 - Secretariat to send MACS the link to register for the DES Webinar.



There is a webinar about 20 Minute Neighbourhoods on 2 Dec.



The Academy of Urbanism have asked the Accessible Travel Team and MACS to do a short presentation about accessible travel at one of their coffee sessions.



There will be a national exemption card for face coverings.

Disability Equality Scotland is in charge of the help line and giving out the cards.



An exemption means you don't have to do something.

There will be a campaign to tell the public about the card and remind people about the FACTS campaign.

Exemption cards from other organisations can still be used.



Linda said an Equality Impact Assessment was done for the new national exemption card.



Linda is please the Thistle Assistance Card is working well.



She asked if there is any disability awareness training for bus drivers being planned.

Karen said there will be a new online disability awareness toolkit by the Department for Transport.



Linda asked if disability awareness training for staff who deal with passengers could be talked about at Karen's meetings with transport providers.

Action Point 2- Karen will ask about disability awareness training in relation to assistance cards at her meeting with bus service providers.



The Sponsor Team will keep working on the delivery plan.

They will tell MACS how work is going.



Linda said most disabled people thought Streets for People changes had made it harder for them to get around.

It would be better for the wording to change from 'challenge' to 'feedback'.

Working with local people and asking them what they thought about changes would help Streets for People to design things well.

Action Point 3 - Sponsor Team will raise MACS concerns around Active Travel's wording in their Streets for People update with Active Travel.

Agenda Item 5

Workstream Leads Updates

- **Planning and Strategy**

MACS want to make sure the Motability Foundation work with them on access to electric vehicles and community transport.



Action Point 4- David will ask Motability to contact Keith regarding engagement with MACS on electric vehicles.



David is the MACS representative on the National Transport Strategy Delivery Board.



He wants there to be work to reduce inequality.

MACS work with a Scottish Government Team to talk about how to get facts and figures about this.



Michael is the MACS representative on the Public Health Group and Hilary on the Transport Inequalities Group.



• Ferries and Planes

The Ferries Accessibility Fund is now open.



The Ferries Team at Transport Scotland are working with MACS on the new Islands Connectivity Plan.



The Committee are working to make sure travelling with guide dogs and assistance dogs is not changed when we leave the European Union. Dog passports will be different.



ViaVan have done work in England around rural transport. The Committee want to see if this work could be copied in Scotland.



- **Rail**

The Rail Workstream has been working with the Office of Road and Rail, Traveline, Network Rail, Scotrail and the new Transport Scotland staff - Bryan and Jacqueline.



Michael will represent MACS at the Office of Road and Rail Stakeholder Engagement meeting on 21 March.



MACS have put Scotrail in touch with High Speed 2. This could let Scotrail use their testing ring in Doncaster.



- **Bus and Community Transport**

MACS have asked how to support the Community Transport Association.



MACS visited Aberdeen's City Link Gold bus.

They thought the new design was very accessible.



MACS sent out a survey to councils about discount Taxi Card Schemes. Most councils do not have a scheme.

It could be because there is no guidance.

David will ask the Association of Transport Coordinating Officers (ATCO) about this.

Action Point 5 – David to give Audrey his contact in ATCO, to ask about Taxi Card Schemes

- **Roads, Infrastructure and Active Travel**



The Spaces for People group will have a second meeting with RNIB and other members.



The Society of Chief Officers of Transport in Scotland sent out a letter about Spaces for People.

The replies are due back soon.



Keith and Susan will meet Bryan about work on the Blue Badge scheme. There could be a digital version.



There are 2 development days next year about Roads, Infrastructure and Active Travel and Rail.

The first will be in April 2021 and will be led by Keith.

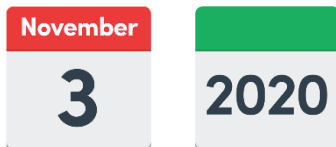
Agenda Item 6 - Key Messages for Twitter



Pictures of the Gold City Link Buses taken in Aberdeen will be posted on MACS Twitter and the Transport Scotland webinar on return to public transport.



Next Meetings



**Planning and Strategy meeting
3 November 2020**



Next Full Committee Meeting 10 November 2020



End of meeting.