



Advising Scottish Ministers  
on Accessible Travel

# MACS



# Committee Meeting Minutes Part 2



## 26 July 2022



# Easy Read



**New Action Point 11:**

**Lucy will send a copy of the Blue Badge form to Joanne.**



## **5 – Updates from the Leaders of the Workstreams**



Social Security Scotland  
Tèarainteachd Shòisealta Alba

### **Update about Planning and Strategy from David**



David said that MACS is talking to Social Security Scotland to set up a Motability user group.



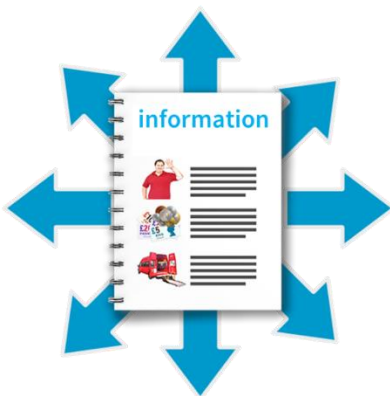
David said that a report for the second National Transport Strategy had been **published** in June 2022.

**Published** means being printed and shared for everyone to read.

MACS were not told that it was being published and this is a worry.



There was talk about the Transport Equalities Network group and when their next meeting will be.



**New Action Point 12:**

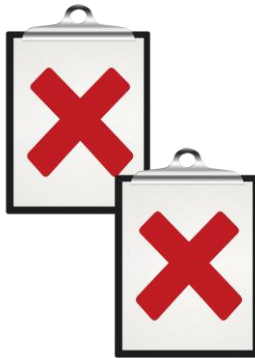
Vanessa and Jean will get a copy of the new National Transport Strategy 2 Delivery Plan's Monitoring and Evaluation Report.

They will share it with the Planning and Strategy work team.



### New Action Point 13:

Vanessa and Jean will find out when the next meeting is happening for the Transport Equalities Network group.



David talked about some problems with the Just Transition report.

They are:

- disabled people are not included
- issues that MACS thinks are important are not included

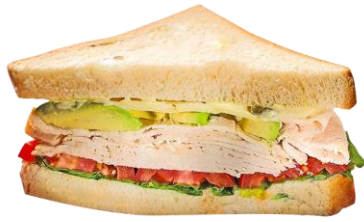


Linda said that the Just Transition team have been invited to the meeting on 4 October 2022.



### New Action Point 14:

Linda will send the invitation to Vanessa and Jean, to send to the Just Transition team.



**There was a break in the meeting for lunch.**



**Update about Ferries and Aviation from Hilary**



Hilary said there were still cancelled ferries.

She said that the Transport Scotland Ferries team works well with MACS.



She hopes the Aviation policy team can also work well with MACS. Because air and ferry travel are the main ways that islands stay connected.



Hilary said that her trains were cancelled so she could not get to the British Aviation Conference.

She has the meeting notes and presentations.



There are air travel problems at the moment. So the Civil Aviation Authority **grading** is not happening for now.

**Grading** means when something is marked and given a score for how well it is working.



Linda asked about special assistance in their consultation.

Hilary said all airports in the UK had been graded on how accessible they are.

But that at the moment the delayed flights are the main focus.

Linda said that when wheelchairs are damaged during air travel, people should not have to claim using their house insurance.



There was talk about:

- Round 7 of the Ferries Accessibility Fund
- a possible Round 8
- the Northlink App
- disability awareness training
- hate crime awareness



### New Action Point 15:

Hilary will check to see if the Ferries Accessibility Fund Round 7 results have been published.



### Update about Buses, Taxis and Community Transport from Audrey



Audrey said she had met with David Kelly – the new Director for Scotland at the Community Transport Association.



They talked about:

- the cost of travel
- how much volunteer are paid per mile
- using petrol and diesel less
- a new report about members
- minibus training called MiDAS



David said that there were 2 funds in the National Transport Strategy 2 plan.



**New Action Point 16:**

Vanessa, Jean and Steven will talk with Audrey to make bus accessibility better with money from 2 funds.



Linda said that MACS could support the Community Transport Association.

She said there may be a way to share MiDAS minibus training.



**New Action Point 17:**

Linda will send Audrey the contact details for the Scottish Rural and Island Transport Committee.

**Update about Rail from Simon**





ScotRail have said fewer people use Passenger Assist service than before the pandemic.



Simon said that the new organisation in charge of rail companies is called Great British Railways.



He said that MACS had visited Glasgow's subway to look at lifts.

Only 2 of the 15 stations have working lifts because it is hard to put lifts into stations where there is only 1 platform.



Simon said he was sad that MACS had not been asked about the policy part of the Nationalisation of ScotRail report.

He feels that MACS may be seen as an outside organisation instead of a supportive partnership.



There was talk about:

- funding for lifts
- fire safety planning at stations
- accessibility staff



### Update about Roads, Infrastructures and Active Travel from Susan



MACS wants to be a part of the National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board.

Michael might join this group.



Susan said that England have a new Active Travel Commissioner.

Scotland's Active Nation Commissioner has finished their term of 6 years.



**New Action Point 18:**

**Vanessa and Jean will find out if there will be a new Active Nation Commissioner for Scotland.**



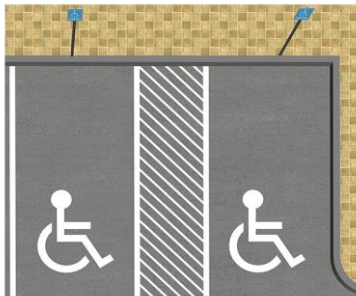
David asked if getting a Blue Badge could be done in the same way as Adult Disability Payment.

This means it rolls over and happens again each year.



He also said there had been a Summit in Denmark about mobility.

He asked Steven if there were plans to have another national accessibility conference in Scotland.



The group talked about the Blue Badge process.



Steven said that there were no plans for a national accessibility conference at the moment.

David said it had been talked about in the past. There was an idea to have a 'Just Transition' conference for lots of countries.



It could be about:

- low carbon transport
- disabled parking spaces
- low emission areas in Scotland's cities
- cycling and wheeling



The group talked about:

- looking at other powerful conferences
- events run in the past
- funding and time
- making the Accessible Travel Framework better instead



**New Action Point 19:**

**Vanessa and Jean will find the most important mobility events.**

## **7 – Key Messages for Twitter**

Linda gave 2 ideas:

- how important community transport is
- cost of living crisis

Audrey gave 1 idea:



- share Community Transport Association's campaign



## 8 - Any Other Business – was there anything else that people wanted to talk about?



Michael asked how things are going getting ready for meetings that are both:

- in person
- online



Linda said that the meeting in October 2022 will be both in-person and online.

There will be a practice and the IT team are supporting us.

## 9 – End of Meeting



Linda thanked everyone for coming and she closed the meeting.