

NORTH EAST TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting of the North East Transport Partnership

Aberdeen, 12 February 2014

Present: Councillor Argyle (Chairperson); Councillor Milne and Eddie Anderson (Deputy Chairs); and Councillors Finlayson and Taylor (Aberdeen City Council), Councillors Buchan and Clark (Aberdeenshire Council); Gerry Donald and Duncan Cameron (Non Councillor Members).

In attendance: Jenny Anderson (Nestrans), Dr Bochel (Adviser to the Board), Tom Buchan (Aberdeenshire Council), Louise Calder (Marketing and Communications Officer), Rebecka Coull (Clerk to the Board), Rab Dickson (Nestrans), Derick Murray (Nestrans), and Andrew Stewart (Health and Transport Coordinator),

Apologies: Steven Archer (Adviser to the Board), Councillor Latham (Aberdeenshire Council), Councillor McCaig (Aberdeen City Council) and David Sullivan (Non Councillor Member).

The agenda and reports associated with this minute can be located at the following link:

<http://www.nestrans.org.uk/60/board-meetings.html>

WELCOME

1. The Chairperson welcomed Gerry Donald and Duncan Cameron to their first meeting of the Board, and also noted that Sandra Macdonald, who would be joining the Board as a member in April 2014, was in attendance as an observer.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Board had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013.

The Board resolved:

to approve the minute as a correct record.

LIAISON BETWEEN REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS, THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS

3. With reference to article 2 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Director which provided an update on liaison with other Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs), the Scottish Government and others.

The meetings included –

- Health and Transport Action Plan Steering Group in Aberdeen on 6 December 2013
- High Speed Rail Scotland Benefits and Vision Sub Group on Glasgow on 7 January 2014
- RUNWAYS UK Conference in London on 16 January 2014
- High Speed Rail Scotland Group in Glasgow on 27 January 2014
- UK Government/ Scottish Government on cross border travel in Edinburgh on 29 January 2014
- Laurencekirk Station Research Advisory group in Glasgow on 29 January 2014.

The report recommended –

that the Board note progress on liaison arrangements with other Regional Transport Partnerships, the Scottish Government, and others, and arrangements for future meetings.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY REFRESH – APPROVAL

4. With reference to article 3 of the minute of its meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Director which advised members that the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) refresh had now been approved by the Minister for Transport and Veterans.

Members intimated their thanks to all officers involved in this piece of work.

The report recommended –

that the Board note the approval of the RTS refresh 2013 – 2035.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORT FUND – UPDATE

5. With reference to article 4 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Director which updated members on the payments received into the Strategic Transport Fund since the aforementioned meeting.

The report recommended –

that the Board:

- (a) note the update on payments into the Strategic Transport Fund; and
- (b) note the number of responses received to the consultation on the strategic transport fund prioritisation.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

NESTRANS' APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

6. With reference to article 5 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the clerk which advised as to the outcome of the Appointment Committee of 13 December 2013, and that Scottish Minister approval in respect of the appointments had been received on 8 January 2014.

The report recommended –

that the Board:

- (a) note that Scottish Ministers had approved the appointment of Gerry Donald and Duncan Cameron (with immediate effect) and Sandra Macdonald (as of April 2014) as non councillor members of the Nestrans' Board, as per the recommendation of the Appointment Committee of 13 December 2013; and
- (b) to approve the minute of the Appointment Committee of 13 December 2013 (as appended to the report) as a correct record.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

POSSIBLE JOINT MEETING OF ACSEF AND NESTRANS BOARD

7. The Board had before it a report by the Director which suggested that the Board have a joint meeting with the ACSEF Board to discuss the upcoming project constructions and the new regional transportation strategy.

Members suggested that it may be beneficial for officers to produce a communications strategy to clarify the respective roles of the difference Boards.

The report recommended –

that the Board agrees to hold a joint meeting with the ACSEF Board members.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendation with the addition of the invitation for this joint meeting being extended to all members of the Strategic Development Planning Authority.

BRIDGE OF DEE STAG PART 1 APPRAISAL

8. With reference to article 9 of the minute of its previous meeting of 18 April 2012, the Board had before it a report by the Director which advised as to the content of the draft Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) Part 1 report that had been submitted by consultants.

The report recommended –

That the Board:

- (a) consider the draft STAG Part 1 Appraisal for the Bridge of Dee, and approve a final version for publication on the Bridge of Dee project pages that are held on the Aberdeen City Council website, with a link to be provided from the Nestrans' website;
- (b) refer the report to Aberdeen City Council for consideration, and Aberdeenshire Council for information, along with a recommendation that concepts 6 and 7 as detailed within the report be progressed to STAG Part 2; and
- (c) subject to the agreement of the recommendation of Aberdeen City Council, approve the immediate commissioning of the STAG Part 2 Appraisal.

At this juncture it was clarified that recommendation (c) above meant that no action would be taken on this matter until Aberdeen City Council had taken a decision in this regard.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendations subject to Concept 6B as detailed within the report also being progressed to STAG Part 2 Appraisal.

RAIL MATTERS

9. With reference to article 7 of the minute of its previous meeting, the Board had before it a report by the Director which provided information on (1) rail franchises; (2) Caledonian Sleeper; (3) Scotrail; (4) Aberdeen – central belt and Aberdeen – Inverness studies; (5) Dyce railway station; (6) East coast mainline authorities; and (7) overcrowding.

The report recommended –

that the Board note the content of the report.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

ACTIVE TRAVEL ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

10. With reference to article 8 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2014, the Board had before it a report by the Director which advised members of progress in relation to developing an Active Travel Plan.

The report recommended –

that the Board:

- (a) note the content of the report;
- (b) agree the broad outline and focus of the strategy; and
- (c) agree to consider the financial implications outlined above in deliberations of the budget in 2014/15 and 2015/16.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

PROGRESS REPORT

11. With reference to article 9 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a progress chart summarising the work in the three sub strategies of the Regional Transport Strategy as at 5 February 2013.

The Board resolved:

- (i) to note the content of the progress chart;
- (ii) to request that Aberdeen City Council's Air Quality Action Plan be reported to a future meeting; and
- (iii) to request that officers write to Aberdeen International Airport to raise concerns around the lack of shelter at the disabled drop off point.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS

12. With reference to article 10 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Director which summarised and advised on a number of different publications and consultations as follows and sought approval of draft and/ or final responses as appropriate –

- Aberdeen City Council local development plan main issues report
- National planning framework 3

The report recommended –

that the Board note the content of the report and the documents referred to therein and approve the suggested responses to the consultation.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

BUDGET MATTERS

13. With reference to article 11 of the minute its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Treasurer which provided an update on the Partnership's budget and forecast outturn in this regard, and outlined one proposed virement to the budget.

The report recommended –

that the Board:

- (a) note the monitoring position and forecast as at 31 December 2013; and
- (b) approve the virements detailed below:

Project	Current Budget	Proposed Virement	Revised Budget
Kintore Railway Station	£300,000	(£300,000)	nil
Ellon Park & Ride	£65,000	(£30,000)	£35,000
A90 Schoolhill Park & Choose	£30,000	(£10,000)	£20,000
Fraserburgh Bus Station (increased	£76,000	£144,000	£220,000

contribution)			
A947 Towie Turner House	nil	£24,000	£24,000

Project	Current Budget	Proposed Virement	Revised Budget
A944/A97 Junction at Deskry	nil	£39,000	£39,000
A98 Longmanhill – Headition to Roadman's Cottage	nil	£103,000	£103,000
A920 Colpy to Potts Rayne	£195,000	£24,000	£219,000
A952 North of Shanna's Cottages to Wester Pettymarcus	£90,000	£5,000	£95,000
A944 Tillyfourie Westwards	£122,000	£1,000	£123,000
Airport Bus Turning Circle	£426,000	(£394,000)	£32,000
A96 Great Northern Rd approach to Haudagain resurfacing	nil	£63,000	£63,000
A96 Great Northern Rd from St Machar Dr to Printfield Walk resurfacing	nil	£116,000	£116,000
A944 Skene Rd westbound from Kingswells roundabout to Little Brodiach Cottage resurfacing	nil	£117,000	£117,000
A944 Lang Stracht bus gate to A944 Skene Road roundabout resurfacing	nil	£98,000	£98,000

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendations.

2014/15 BUDGET PROPOSALS

14. The Board had before it a report by the Treasurer which presented the capital and revenue budgets for 2014/15, subject to available funding being confirmed.

The report recommended –

that the Board approve the 2014/15 revenue and capital budgets of £1,026,350 and £2,467,000 with programmes as detailed in appendices 2 and 3, subject to anticipated funding levels being confirmed and making any appropriate adjustments following the Board's consideration.

The Board resolved:

to approve the 2014/15 revenue and capital budgets of £1, 026, 350 and £2,467,000 with programmes etc as detailed in appendices 2 and 3, subject to anticipated funding levels being confirmed.

INFORMATION BULLETIN

15. With reference to article 13 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Director which provided information and updates for the Board on a number of matters not requiring a decision as follows –

- Access to Laurencekirk study
- Traveline Scotland talking phone app
- Edinburgh to Glasgow rail improvement programme
- Airports Commission interim report
- Guidance on the protection of regional air access to London
- Aberdeen Health Village
- Strategic Development Plan reporter's findings
- Scottish Transport Awards
- Nestrans' press releases
- Getabout events and communications.

The report recommended –
that the Board note the content of the report.

The Board resolved:

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) to request that officers write to the Scottish Government to express the Board's concern around the cost associated with the Glasgow to Edinburgh rail improvements.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

16. With reference to article 14 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Director summarising recent and forthcoming conferences of interest to the Partnership along with presentations by Nestrans and its partners.

The Board resolved:

to note the information as presented.

PENDING BUSINESS AND REPORTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

17. With reference to article 15 of the minute of its previous meeting of 16 December 2013, the Board had before it a report by the Director detailing pending business and information on reports to be submitted to future Board meetings.

The report recommended –

that the Board note the content of the report and agree the provisional scheduling of major reports to future meetings.

The Board resolved:

to approve the recommendation.

- **PETER ARGYLE, Chairperson**