

# **MOBILITY ACCESS COMMITTEE SCOTLAND (MACS)**

## **MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Thursday 20 March 2008**

**UPDATE, Beaverhall Road, Edinburgh**

### **Members Present:**

Bryan Alexander  
Jane Horsburgh  
Fiona McCall  
Roderick McLeod  
John Moore

### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Trevor Meadows (Convener), Mairi O'Keefe (Deputy Convener), Jean Dunlop and George McKendrick

### **Secretariat:**

Fiona Locke, Lynne Duff and Alison Dewar were present.

### **1. Welcome**

1.1 The acting Chair welcomed everyone to UPDATE.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

2.1 MACS member had a private meeting in the morning to discuss the amalgamation with PTUC and to consider which functions and elements of the MACS work programme they wished the expanded PTUC to take forward. This would feed into their presentation to the meeting of both committees in the afternoon.

2.2 Secretariat members joined MACS for the latter part of the morning. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed????.

2.3 The acting Chair spoke of his dissatisfaction at the level of service provided by the new Secretariat. Fiona explained that she was continuing to raise the resourcing issue with senior management in Transport Directorate. She apologised and regretted that frustrations experienced by the new members of the Secretariat had spilled over into conversations with MACS members in an unprofessional manner. The new Secretariat had inherited a complete lack of basic systems from the previous Secretariat and this had had a significant effect of the ability of the Secretariat to perform to the level expected. Fiona would do what she could to ensure the Committee received an acceptable level of service in dealing with MACS business.

2.4 Members spoke of outstanding claims for expenses and Fiona said she would investigate to ensure payments were made correctly.

2.5 MACS were keen to ensure that information on the MACS website remained available as a resource and was passed onto the new PTUC – perhaps as a sub-section of their website. The Secretariat would investigate this with PTUC but it was appropriate that the MACS website should remain open until the PTUC assumed its new functions.

### **TICC Committee – Ferries Inquiry**

2.6 Jimi Adeleye, DPTAC representative joined the meeting. The acting Chair spoke of his appearance at the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee earlier in the week when he had given evidence to the Committee. The letter to go to the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change committee providing evidence on the Ferries Inquiry was agreed by members the Secretariat were asked to send this forward to the Committee.

2.7 The acting Chair said that he felt the DPTAC guidance was very light on ship to shore interface and the particular difficulties for disabled people in making that link. Jimi said that DPTAC were willing to make reference to any MACS guidance that existed on this but felt that Scotland should lead as it was more relevant to Scottish circumstances.

### **Letter to CoSLA**

2.8 MACS members decided that it was no longer appropriate to send a letter to CoSLA.

### **Future Meetings**

2.9 MACS members would review their position on extending their appointments till the end of June after the joint meeting with MACS. Fiona said that she hoped that members felt able to continue their membership. She was keen that they had input to outstanding work including the Annual Report on MACS' work over the past year and to ensure that there was an appropriate MACS legacy to hand to the new PTUC.

### **Joint Meeting**

2.10 MACS members attended the joint meeting with PTUC.

2.11 Following the joint meeting, MACS members met again to discuss the extension of their appointments. John Moore stated his intention to resign and said he would write to the Secretariat to confirm this. Other members present wished to continue as members till end June.