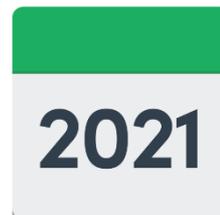


Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland



Main Committee Meeting



Who was at the meeting?



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



Officials:

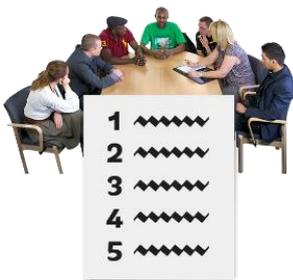
Karen Armstrong – Deputy Sponsor
Alexis Devlin - Secretariat
Maureen Olliffe - Accessible Travel



Who was not at the meeting?:

Marsali Craig
Pauline Kelly

Item 1. Welcome and introductions.



Linda started the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Item 2. Approval of minutes and update on action points from January and April minutes.



The minutes of both the January and April 2021 Committee meeting had been sent out.

The committee agreed the minutes from these meetings.

Item 3. Update from Linda.



Linda talked about working with Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) so they know how important accessible transport is.



Linda said Committee members must check they always have the needs of disabled people at the centre of their work.



Linda confirmed after speaking to many people that MACS work plans are looking at the right areas to support more disabled people and older people to travel safely and easily.



MACS gave information to a consultation on adapted bike hire.

A consultation is when people are asked what they think about something.

There will be a report in August and MACS will talk to Transport Scotland about what work will happen next.



MACS are working with the Community Transport Association to see how taxis and private hire vehicles are being used when public transport is not available.



The Accessible Travel Framework plan now has Transport to Health and Social Care as a new area of work.



Transport Scotland have given money to the Community Transport Association for more services and a new member of staff to look at what community transport there is across Scotland.

This is called a 'mapping exercise'.

Action Point 1: Karen to speak to the Transport Scotland Team working on the community transport mapping exercise to offer MACS support with this work.



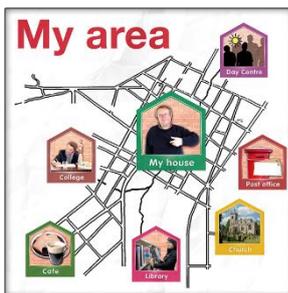
MACS are working with organisations to look at street equipment storage at charging points.

Disabled people could use this for mobility aids.



MACS are still working with Sustrans Scotland to make sure their infrastructure projects are inclusive.

Infrastructure is the buildings and services that a country needs to work well.



Audrey said MACS are working with The Alliance and Disability Equality Scotland on webinars about 20 minute neighbourhoods.

These are places where people who live there can get to the places and services they need without using a car very often.



The last webinar will talk about what work needs to happen next.



Disability Equality Scotland will be the Secretariat support to the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group of Disability.

A Secretariat are an admin team who organise and record meetings.

Meeting dates will come out in the summer.



There are different MSPs on this group after the May 2021 elections.

MACS will be on the group and should think of who will take the place of Hussein.



Simon is on a group to support delivery of free bikes to children who cannot afford them.

This was a Scottish Government election promise.

Item 4: Sponsor Team Update



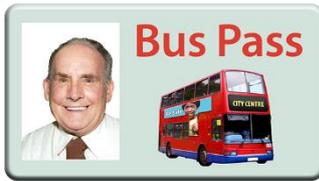
Karen gave information about a Disability Equality Scotland webinar about getting back to using public transport safely.



The Committee asked about the Blue Badge Low Emission Zone exemption work with DeBlur.

A Low Emission Zone is an area where they are trying to have cleaner air.

Action Point 2: Karen will ask staff working on the Low Emission Zone for information.



The Concessionary Travel Card is the name for the bus pass scheme.

It should look to:

- help people who cannot use their travel cards because there are not enough buses or if buses are not accessible



- decide if S19 travel cards can be used on community transport.

S19 travel cards give free bus travel to young people under 19 years old.

Action Point 3: Karen will ask staff to look at:

- people who cannot use their travel cards because there are not enough services or they are not accessible
- work to allow S19 travel cards to be used on community transport.



Simon asked the Committee if the Committee knew of organisations that could run an adapted bike scheme for children.

Action Point 4: Committee members to get in touch with Simon if they have ideas and information about an adaptive bike scheme.



Naghat asked about the Adult Disability Payment.

Action Point 5: Karen will ask Social Security staff when consultation on Adult Disability payments will be published and feedback to NA directly.



The Strategic Transport Project Review 2 (STPR2) is a plan is about how money will be spent on transport in Scotland.

MACS want to make sure roads are accessible.

Action Point 6: Karen will make sure Susan gets information about the STPR2 consultation.



Karen said the Accessible Travel Steering group have agreed what the most important work is.

The next meeting is on 16 September.



Karen said Transport Scotland are looking at transport projects to show at COP26 in Glasgow.

COP26 is the United Nations Climate Change Conference.



MACS would like there to be a conference about accessible travel.

Karen will look at this after COP 26.

Item 5: Workstream Leads Update



Planning and Strategy

MACS are still working with The Alliance on their 20 minute neighbourhood webinars and what work needs to happen.



David is working with Active and Sustainable Travel staff on guidance called 'Small Changes Can Make a Big Difference'.

The guidance helps councils to think about using active travel funding to make accessibility better.



The guidance is on the MACS website and has been shared with Transport Scotland and other organisations so they can tell more people about it.



Facts and figures from the Scottish Household survey say that disabled people most often travel:

- by car (as driver or passenger)
- by walking or wheeling
- and by bus



Disabled people do not travel as much or as far as people who are not disabled.

MACS want to check this information in the future.

Action Point 7: David will speak to Transport Scotland staff about the Scottish Household Survey.

Ferries and Planes

Hilary has been working with a team from Transport Scotland on a consultation about cleaner air.



The Civil Aviation Authority may not do an accessibility report because there are a lot less people using planes this year because of coronavirus and travel restrictions.

The conference about air travel is going ahead.



Ferries are having problems and are breaking down.

Replacement ferries are not accessible.

Action Point 8: All MACS members to provide feedback if anyone uses a ferry in the next few months.



Hilary is on a group working on the National Island's Plan and the Island Bond proposals to make sure it includes accessibility.

These are plans to support families to stay on the islands.



The Transport Scotland Ferries Team were pleased that MACS gave information and advice about the Bond.



Rail

The rail group may not work with Network Rail about plans for Inverness station because the plans are about local areas.



There was a meeting with the Network Rail team about the layout of Waverley Station and access to it.



The next Development Day is on 3 August 2021 and will be about rail travel.

There will be 3 presentations and a chance to ask questions.



The Inverness Access Panel are looking to find new members.

Bus and Community Transport

MACS members from the Transport to Health and Social Care group will meet Scottish Government Health staff at the end of August.



They will look at having a new working group.

The Scottish Government 'roundtable' event has not happened yet.

Audrey has met with the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission. They want to keep up to date with MACS work and work together.

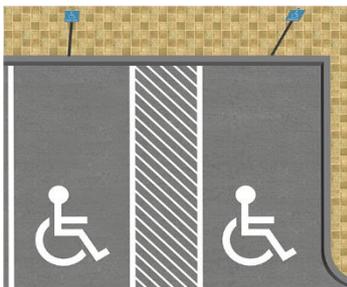


Audrey will tell the Committee what happens next.

Roads, Infrastructure and Active Travel:

This group had meetings about the work that is happening.

Graham will be working on parking issues.





Keith said MACS have given information to the consultation about the Traffic Regulation Order.

This is when rules are changed that affect traffic.



There will be a consultation about workplace parking in the future.

Work is still happening on the 'Countryside for All' paper.

Staff will be going to the Energy Saving Trust webinar about adapted bikes.

Item 6: Messages for Twitter



MACS posted Twitter messages about

- Changing Places Day
- The free bikes scheme
- MACS Annual Report
- The Disability and Transport statistics from the Scottish Household survey

Item 7: Anything else we need to talk about?



Linda thanked Marsali, Hussein and Keith for their hard work. They are now leaving MACS and we wish them well in the future.



End of meeting.

Linda thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.