

**South West Neighbourhood Partnership
Transport Group
Wednesday 6 February 2008, 2pm, WHALE Arts Centre**

IN ATTENDANCE

Keith Bell Sighthill, Broomhouse Parkhead Community Council, Chair
 Caroline Earrey South West Neighbourhood Office, Minute
 Karl Cleghorn Lothian & Borders Police
 John Moore Managing Director, Lothian Community Transport Service
 Alex Paton Longstone Community Council
 John Bird Longstone Depot Manager, Lothian Buses
 Elaine Legget Stenhouse Community Council
 Helen MacDonaugh Longstone Community Council
 Lynda Haughney Public Transport Unit, CEC

OBSERVERS

Peter Matthews PhD Research Student, University of Glasgow

APOLOGIES

Christine Doherty South West Partnership and Information Manager
 Paul Bullen Lothian and Borders Police

<p>1. Welcome and Apologies Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were read out.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>2. Minute of Previous Meeting Hellen raised concerns about some of the previous minute being missing. Christine had left the meeting early, resulting in the minute being incomplete. No-one left at the meeting had taken responsibility of taking the minute in Christine's absence. Hellen also raised concerns about the nomination of the chair of the group. Hellen stated that she felt that the group would benefit more from Keith being a part of the group, as opposed to chairing the group. Keith said this had been agreed and minuted, and because the group is a sub-group of the South West Neighbourhood Partnership, this decision could stand for 12 months. There was a discussion about how sub groups operate, and if they are bound by the same code of conduct and Standing Orders.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising a) Westside Plaza The proposed plaque which is to be erected within the Westside Plaza Interchange has been agreed in principal by the Transport Planning section. The design is in process, and will be shown to the Transport Forum before it is finalised and erected. b) Bus Service Hermiston Gait Lynda H advised everyone that planning permission would not have been refused for the new B&Q at Hermiston Gait on the basis of poor public transport links. Keith pointed out that the extension of B&Q at Longstone was refused because of poor bus links. Everyone agreed that there seems to be a lack of consistency within the Planning Department. Lynda will ask Development and Planning to attend the next meeting of the Transport Forum to discuss theses issues. There was a discussion about the Number 20 bus.</p>	<p>Lynda</p>

<p>Can the route be extended to serve the Gyle Shopping Centre? John B advised that Lothian Buses will not be extending the service, because it is not cost effective. Keith asked if Lynda could find out if CEC may be willing to fund any extension of the Number 20 bus route. Lynda will report back to the next meeting. Keith also suggested that the Forum could also approach all the businesses at Hermiston Gait and the Gyle Shopping Centre to see if they could contribute to the extension of the service. Karl C asked if First Buses would tender for this route? Keith clarified that any company could put on a route. John B added that it was unlikely that any bus company would put on a route that did not make money. It was agreed that a representative from First Buses will be invited to future meetings.</p> <p>c) Clovenstone Drive There is a 20 mph zone within Clovenstone Drive, but the signs on the road still say 30 mph. Lynda confirmed that the updated signs will be erected over the next 3 – 4 weeks. Keith asked about the number of 'missiles' thrown at buses in recent weeks. John B advised the group that this is an ongoing problem in the Clovenstone area in comparison with the rest of the city. John added that the Police were helpful in the assistance of these incidents.</p> <p>d) Christmas Timetables Keith felt that the Christmas Timetables were hard to find on the Lothian Buses website. Elaine was frustrated at the poor service on the Number 1 route on Christmas Day. John B advised the group that Lothian Buses are CEC funded over the Christmas and New Year period, and that because Lothian Buses are a commercial enterprise, they will not operate any routes that do not make money. Lynda will report back to the next meeting as to how CEC funds the Christmas and New Year timetables and how they decide which buses to operate on each day.</p> <p>e) Taxicards Hellen highlighted that the cards are being misused. Keith stated that Taxicard holders should only receive 104 journeys per year, and the checks carried out by CEC are not quick enough to catch anyone abusing their card. Lynda advised that checks are in place, and will bring details of these checks to the next meeting.</p> <p>f) Longstone to Gyle Bus Service It was agreed that this was covered in item (b)</p>	<p>Lynda</p> <p>All</p> <p>Lynda</p> <p>Lynda</p>
<p>4. AOCB Keith suggested that AOCB was discussed next, then the Remit, Roles and Responsibilities could be discussed. This was agreed.</p> <p>a) Pedestrian Crossing – Colinton Road A pedestrian crossing was due to be provided across Colinton Road at North Meggetland by Applecross, but this has never been installed. Karl advised that enforcement action is now being taken by the Police regarding this issue.</p> <p>b) Gyle Shopping Centre Bus Stops</p>	

<p>Hellen had received a letter from the Older Person Forum, stating that the bus stop area at the Gyle Shopping Centre does not have properly raised pavements for people using wheelchairs, prams and pushchairs. When buses lower the ramps, there is still several inches of drop between the bus ramp and the pavement. The Older Persons Forum had had no luck in communicating with the Gyle management, and has asked the Transport Forum if they would approach the management at the Gyle to discuss this problem.</p> <p>It was agreed that a manager from the Gyle will be invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>Alex Paton asked what information will be provided to the public from Lothian Buses when the re-routing of traffic from Shandwick Place commences. John B advised that the routes have not been finalised yet. He also stated that Lothian Buses had decided to see how the proposed diversions work out before confirming them.</p>	
<p>5. Remit and Membership of the Forum</p> <p>Due to time constraints, the following items were not discussed fully.</p> <p>Everyone agreed the Remit and the Roles of Members as set out in the circulated papers.</p>	
<p>6. Responsibilities of the Members</p> <p>Keith advised the group that he was unhappy at the responsibilities of the members as described in the papers. The previous Transport Forum was a more informal group, where members did not have designated roles and responsibilities. Several members of the group felt that the responsibilities were too formal, and they wanted to see the group continue in a similar style to the previous forum, despite now being a sub group of the Neighbourhood Partnership.</p>	
<p>7. Reporting back to the South West Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>Everyone agreed that updates to the South West Neighbourhood Partnership will be provided at each N.P. meeting.</p> <p>Keith stated that he had not heard back from the Convenor of the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership to discuss any involvement from the Pentlands NP in the group.</p>	
<p>8. Date of Future Meetings</p> <p>The next two meetings were agreed: Wednesday 2 April 2008 – Venue TBC Wednesday 4 June – Venue TBC</p>	