

Cross-Party Group on Cycling, Walking And Buses

7th Meeting

Tuesday 28 November 2018, 18:00-19:30

T20/21, Scottish Parliament

MINUTES

Present: Claudia Beamish MSP (Co-convenor, chair), Alison Johnstone MSP (Co-convenor), Graham Simpson MSP (Deputy convenor); Mark James (Transform Scotland, group secretariat); Don Barclay (CLEAR), George Mair (CPT), Rod Mitchell (Cycle Law Scotland), Maureen Kidd (Cycling Scotland), Suzanne Forup (Cycling UK), John Donnelly (GoBike), Stuart Hay (Living Streets Scotland), Ian Findlay (Paths for All), Mike Harrison (SATA), Simon Pilpel (South Lanarkshire Council), Dave du Feu (Spokes), Claire Daly (Sustrans), Colin Howden (Transform Scotland), Chris Day (Transform Scotland), Brendan Rooney (Transport Scotland), Tasha Geddie (Transport Scotland).

Apologies: Ruth Mendel (Citizens Advice Scotland), Ken Haig (CLEAR), Keith Irving (Cycling Scotland), Michaela Jackson (Gorebridge Development Trust), Iona Shepherd (Go Bike!), Inspector Vincent Fisher (Police Scotland), Robert Andrew (Stagecoach).

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1. Claudia Beamish MSP opened proceedings at 18.05

2. Apologies

2.1. These are noted above.

3. Confirmation of agenda

3.1. Items 4-6 were moved to after item 7 to allow the Transport Scotland speakers to depart.

3.2. It was noted that the Co-Convenors had decided to delay receiving a progress report on the Active Travel Task Force to a later meeting

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

4.1. **DECISION:** The minutes of the meetings held on 24/01/18 and 04/09/18 were approved as a good record.

5. Matters arising from previous meeting

5.1. No action had been so far taken with regards to writing to relevant Ministers regarding air quality from the joint CPG meeting (but no action was required by the CPG CWB as representatives of other CPGs were due to take forward this action).

6. Annual General Meeting

6.1. The Co-Convenors and Vice-Convenor were reappointed. Transform Scotland will continue to provide the secretariat.

6.2. **ACTION:** Transform Scotland, as the secretariat, to draft the Annual Return and send to AJ for approval.

7. Presentation from Brendan Rooney & Tasha Geddie, Transport Scotland on the topic of the Transport Bill

7.1. Brendan Rooney [BR] made a presentation with an overview of the Transport Bill. There are a broad range of issues covered in the Bill. The presentation is available on the Transform Scotland [website](#). The Bill is scheduled to complete parliamentary scrutiny by the 2019 summer recess. He reported a delay in the timeline of the Transport Bill: "late Jan" for the Stage 1 report, and "Easter" for Stage 2.

The presentation covered a range of topics:

Low Emission Zones (LEZs)

Bus service provisions

Smart & Integrated ticketing

Pavement and Double Parking

Road Works

7.2. NGO (Transform Scotland) commentary on evidence sessions and examples of possible additions to the Bill:

Chris Day (CD) & Colin Howden (CH) of Transform Scotland gave an overview of the REC Committee evidence sessions and followed this with comments on bus services with local authority ownership models and pavement parking.

Bus Services - Whilst new measures on ownership and structure of bus services is in the Bill there is a lack of new measures for tackling congestion or for demand management.

Pavement parking - There is a major problem with enforcement of pavement parking if there is a 20 minute grace period.

Ideas for Stage 2 of the process that could be included in potential amendments;

- Pavements and footways need to be kept clear - with restrictions needed on parking on cycle lanes and zig zags.
- Improvements to TROs in order to speed up processes
- Roadworks - lane rental
- Provision for introduction of Private Non Residential Parking Levies (PNRPL). There is support from both Glasgow City Council and The City of Edinburgh Council for enabling legislation.

A limited number of questions were asked during the presentation after which the Transport Scotland (TS) civil servants left. This was followed by a general discussion on a range of the issues raised. Some questions remained unanswered as TS had already left, to be raised again in the future.

7.3. Graham Simpson asked if smart & integrated ticketing was to be nationwide or local. TS stated the aim was local but legislation makes strides towards nationwide provision. Simon Pilpel (SP) asked if Smart ticketing was multimodal or just buses. BR said the aim was as wide possible and flexible for future additions. George Mair (GM) said there had been some introduction of multi operator ticketing and a working group already meets. However it was a challenge keeping up with changing technology.

- 7.4. Maureen Kidd asked if it will be prohibited to park in cycle lanes. There was a lot of discussion on parking issues, particularly enforcement.
- 7.5. There was agreement that there is a need to take into consideration cycling provision at roadworks. Claire Daly (CDaly) said there needed to be regulatory requirements relating to roadworks.
- 7.6. Dave du Feu (DduF) asked where would funds come from for Regional Transport Partnerships and urged the government to reinstate capital funding for the RTPs in the forthcoming budget.
- 7.7. Claudia Beamish (CB) stated it would be very helpful if CPG members could highlight the need for additions to the Bill. DduF pointed out there currently were no demand management measures.
- 7.8. John Donnelly (JD) raised issue of congestion charging in the evidence sessions and pointed out there are existing powers in the 2001 Act.
- 7.9. Don Barclay (DB) stated that Lothian Buses could not always be used as a replicable example for other areas.
- 7.10. Stuart Hay (SH) said that crossing points needed to be defined. All Local Authorities need a parking strategy. City of Edinburgh was provided as an example as having a parking strategy.
- 7.11. DduF pointed out that the evidence session heard that the current position of double parking was as important as pavement parking.
- 7.12. SP stressed the need to ensure good management of utilities on the National Cycle Network and on remote footways.
- 7.13. JD reminded the CPG that fewer than 50% households in Glasgow do not own a car.

8. Proposals for date & theme for next meeting

- 8.1. A date for the next meeting was discussed. **DECISION:** early March was settled upon.
ACTION: MJ to confirm date for next meetings & advise the Parliament and group members.
- 8.2. Agenda will include the deferred speakers: ATTF update; the street audit by Living Streets Scotland from Waverley to Holyrood; and Victoria Barby, Environment Performance Officer from Scottish Parliament. **ACTION: MJ** to invite speakers
- 8.3. It was proposed that the Active Nation Commissioner (Lee Craigie) could be invited to a future meeting.

9. AOB

- 9.1. Mark Ruskell's 20mph Bill - Call for evidence closes January 28th
- 9.2. SH flagged the launch of the Living Streets 'Pedestrian Pound' report on 07/12/18

CB closed the meeting at 19:41.

Minutes: Mark James, 04/03/19.