

MINUTES OF THE

101st Imtac MEETING

- Date:** 7th June 2012, The Mount Belfast
- Present:** Max O'Brien (Chair)
Bert Bailie, June Best, Elizabeth Black, Terry Butler, Ann Collins, Francis Hughes, Joan Harbison, David Mann, Des McAuley, Norma Moore, Ronnie Patterson, Rosemary Patton, Ann Gamble.
- Apologies:** Olive Smith, Barbara Fleming, David McDonald, Etta Mann, Jim Nash and Naomi Roberts.
- Observers:** Ryan Simpson (Consumer Council)
Keith Walsh (Sustainable Transport DRD)
- In Attendance:** Joe Reynolds (OFMDFM)
- Secretariat:** Michael Lorimer
Cathy Boyd

Summary of Action Points:

- Michael to prepare a draft response to the Draft Disability Strategy **Michael**
- Comments on Travel Training; Disability Awareness Training, Driver Licensing and Barriers in the Pedestrian Environment papers are requested by 21st June 2012. **All**
- Members input is requested on 2012 Imtac Annual Report, page 10 in particular by end of June. **All**
- Michael will prepare a paper on Class 3 mobility scooters. **Michael**
- Cathy will contact members on the Register of Interests/Working Groups **Cathy**

1 **Appointment of officers**

- 1.1 Following due process Bert Bailie was appointed Vice Chair, David McDonald Treasurer, Ann Collins Personal Mobility Group Convenor, June Best Information and Training Group Convenor and Barbara Fleming Public Transport Group Convenor.
- 1.2 The Chair updates members on plans to refresh members' involvement in working groups.

2 **OFMDFM Presentation on draft 'A Strategy to improve the lives of disabled people – 2012-2015**

- 2.1 Joe Reynolds from OFMDFM delivered a presentation to the Imtac Committee on the draft strategy. After the presentation a lively discussion took place around the draft Strategy. The Imtac response to the draft Strategy will be drafted and issued to members in the next two weeks for comment. The Chair thanked Joe for his presentation.

Action: The draft Imtac response to the draft Strategy to improve the lives of disabled people 2012-15 will be issued to members by 21 June 2012 for comments.

3 **Minutes of last meeting**

- 3.1 Minutes are to be amended to show Ann Gamble as present at the last meeting on 8th March 2012, otherwise the minutes were proposed and accepted as an accurate record of the last meeting.

4 **Matters arising**

4.1 Concessionary Fares Information

Imtac will brief officials and update members at the next Imtac Committee meeting.

4.2 Streets Ahead/STEM

Committee members advised of Imtac meetings with Belfast

Streets Ahead Phase 2 project team including the designers. Imtac members will have the opportunity to give input into emerging proposals.

4.3 Members noted updates on AV on buses.

5 Working Group updates

5.1 Members received a briefing about four papers relating to the current Work Programme around travel training, disability equality and awareness training, driver licensing and barriers in the pedestrian environment.

5.2 A number of issues were raised during discussions including ensuring that the driving licensing paper reflected that some older people may not be safe to drive and the potential role education can play in reducing some of the barriers encountered by disabled people and older people in the pedestrian environment. Comments on all papers are requested by 21st June 2012.

All

Action: comments from members on the four papers are requested by 21st June 2012

6 DRD Update

6.1 Members received a brief update from DRD advising 23 responses to the Public Consultation on the Accessible Transport Strategy (ATS) had been received by the closing date on 12th April 2012. DRD intend to publish the ATS in the autumn.

6.2 Members received an update on the outcome of the consultation around the development of an Active Travel Strategy.

7 Draft 2012 Imtac Annual Report

- 7.1 Members received a briefing on the draft of the 2012 Imtac Annual Report. The main area Imtac members are asked to provide input on is page 10 of the annual report. During discussion it was suggested that the impact of Welfare Reform should be highlighted.
- 7.2 Completion of the paper is expected by end of June or early July 2012. Comments are requested by 21 June 2012. **All**

Action: Members input is requested on 2012 Imtac Annual Report, page 10 in particular

8 Any other business

- 8.1 Members agreed a representative from Translink will attend future meetings as an observer. Translink advised that some scooters, particularly the Class 3 mobility scooters are unable to get into the main passenger carriage resulting in blocked vestibules.
- 8.2 Members were asked to consider whether Class 3 mobility scooters are too large for the main passenger carrying areas on trains. Members asked for more information on the issue before providing advice to Translink. **Michael**

Action: Michael will prepare a paper on Class 3 mobility scooters.

- 8.3 Members will be issued a Code of Conduct and Register of Interests by 21st June 2012. Members will also be asked about working group preferences. **Cathy**

Action: Cathy will contact members about the Register of Interests/Working Group preferences.

- 8.4 The Chair asked that members inform the secretariat of Any other business in advance of future meetings. It was agreed that in future observers could provide members with an update on relevant areas of work.

9 Date of next meeting

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th
September 2012 at 12.30pm in the Mount Belfast.**