

# MINUTES OF THE

## 95<sup>th</sup> Imtac MEETING



**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010, The Mount Belfast

**Present:** Frank Caddy (Chair)  
William Stewart  
Ann Collins  
June Best  
David McDonald  
Etta Mann  
Ann Gamble  
Bert Baillie  
Philip Blair  
Terry Butler  
Kellie Armstrong  
Andrew Murdock  
Houston Marshall  
Ronnie Patterson

**Apologies:** Francis Hughes  
Laura Slater  
Norma Moore  
Barbara Fleming  
Max O'Brien  
Elizabeth Black  
Kevin Doherty  
Alan Preston  
Andrew Adams  
Janet Watson

**Observers:** Olaf Hvattum (Age Sector Platform)  
Gavin Hamilton (Mobility Inclusion Unit)  
Naomi Roberts (Equality Commission)  
Vivien Blakely

**Secretariat:** Michael Lorimer

1	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	<b>Michael</b>
1.1	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.	<b>Michael</b>
2	<b>Matters arising</b>	<b>Michael</b>
2.1	<u>Concessionary fares</u>	<b>Michael</b>
	Gavin informed members that the MIU is seeking to facilitate a meeting between Imtac and Ports & Public Transport Division in an attempt to resolve issues around accessibility of the application process.	<b>Michael</b>
2.2	<u>Streets Ahead</u>	<b>Michael</b>
	Michael informed members he had agreed to co-ordinate feedback on the Access & Mobility Study to BCCM. Michael explained the issues identified.	<b>Michael</b>
2.3	Members agreed the issues but expressed frustration that issues remained unresolved. It was agreed to work with BCCM but to contact the DSD if this avenue proves unsuccessful.	<b>Michael</b>
2.4	<u>Blue Badge misuse</u>	<b>Michael</b>
	Michael gave members an overview of four parking surveys he had undertaken around Blue Badge use in Belfast City Centre. Members welcomed the work but asked that the information be presented in a more user friendly way.	<b>Michael</b>
2.5	Members discussed Blue Badge misuse. Michael informed members that a report into Blue Badge misuse will be drafted and distributed to members before the Christmas break.	<b>Michael</b>
2.6	<u>Imtac Review</u>	<b>Michael</b>
	Frank updated members about progress around discussions about the Review of Imtac. Members asked how to respond if approached by the media about the Review. It was agreed that any queries should be referred to the Chair via the secretariat.	<b>All</b>

### 3 Working Group updates

3.1 Members received updates on the current work of all three Working Groups

3.2 After discussion the following actions were agreed:

- Distribute timetable for implementation of the Taxis Act
- Develop a paper on AV on buses to inform the approach to DoE
- Draft and distribute door2door eligibility paper to members

**Michael**

### 4 Belfast on the Move

4.1 Michael explained the background to the Belfast on the Move consultation. Members discussed the proposals and endorsed the views that parking and public transport measures would not be positive for disabled people and older people. Andrew highlighted the concerns of Guide Dogs over the cycling proposals.

4.2 After discussion it was agreed to draft a response highlighting concerns over the parking, public transport and cycling proposals. It was agreed to integrate concerns over the wider Streets Ahead issue and to raise concerns over the potential further difficulties if not all the proposals are funded.

4.3 It was agreed that the response should be agreed and submitted to DRD in no more than two weeks.

**Michael**

### 5 ATS Update

5.1 Gavin updated members on revisions to the Travel Safe Guide.

5.2 Frank asked Gavin to look into the current situation regarding the Door2door tender and asked MIU to facilitate a meeting with Ports & Public Transport.

**Gavin**

5.3 Ann asked Gavin to check the Departments position on a

single membership for Shopmobility services in Northern Ireland.

**Gavin**

## **6 Imtac Work Programme 2011/12**

6.1 Michael explained the background to the issues paper

6.2 During discussions it became clear that access to transport for health appointments and day centres was increasingly problematic for older people and disabled people. It was agreed this should be added to the lists of issues.

6.3 The Committee agreed a proposal to discuss the work programme at stakeholders events in the new year. It was agreed that service providers and users should be invited to the events.

**Michael**

## **7 Any other business**

7.1 Terry Butler raised the potential impact on accessibility of proposals to introduce bi-lingual signs on some Belfast Bus Routes. After some discussion it was agreed to write to Frank Clegg with advice and guidance on the issue.

7.2 David raised concerns over the EQIA on smartpass ticketing published by DRD. In particular David challenged the misconception within the EQIA that Omnibus was a “constituent” part of Imtac. Further discussion took place on the EQIA where members raised concerns about the evidence used in the report. Michael to send out hard copies of the EQIA.

7.3 Michael confirmed dates will be sent out for next years meetings along with Translink diaries.