

# MINUTES OF THE



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

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011, The Mount Belfast

**Present:** Frank Caddy (Chair)  
William Stewart  
June Best  
David McDonald  
Ann Gamble  
Bert Baillie  
Barbara Fleming  
Norma Moore  
Elizabeth Black  
Francis Hughes  
Kellie Armstrong  
Ronnie Patterson

**Apologies:** Terry Butler  
Houston Marshall  
Etta Mann  
Ann Collins  
Andrew Murdock  
Max O'Brien  
Kevin Doherty  
Gavin Hamilton

**Observers:** Olaf Hvattum (Age Sector Platform)  
Alan Preston (Mobility Inclusion Unit)  
Janet Watson (Mobility Inclusion Unit)  
Naomi Roberts (Equality Commission)  
Ryan Simpson (General Consumer Council)

**Secretariat:** Michael Lorimer

### 1 Minutes of the last meeting

1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

## 2 Matters arising

### 2.1 Concessionary fares information

Frank informed members that a meeting had not taken place due to staff changes in the Department. A suitable date will be sought now the changes have been made.

### 2.2 Streets Ahead

Michael update members on discussions with BCCM. Imtac has also been invited to input on the Belfast City Centre Change Working Group specifically around the Access & Mobility Study.

### 2.3 Imtac Review

Frank updated members about progress around discussions about the Review of Imtac including the development of a memorandum of understanding with DRD and a draft Code of Conduct.

### 2.4 AV on buses

Members received an update on the proposed pilot of AV on buses which is planned for Metro Route 5 Castlereagh Road.

## 3 Working Group updates

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

3.2 The Committee discussed in detail the proposals for cycling in Belfast City Centre. It was agreed to keep this issue on the Agenda.

3.4 The Group discussed in detail the draft Communication Strategy developed by the Information & Training Group. Bert suggested highlighting how Committee members can assist with communication through their wider contacts. Alan suggested a stronger emphasis on communicating with policy makers was required. Michael agreed to amend. **Michael**

3.5 The Committee discussed at length the draft paper on door2door eligibility developed by the public transport group. Members felt that the paper could highlight linkages between eligibility and wider issues with the service. Members agreed that making it simple for people to provide evidence of their need to use door2door was essential both people applying and people assessing applications. The Committee endorsed the recommendation that eligibility should be based on self-certification in future.

3.6 The Committee discussed at length the draft paper on Blue Badge Misuse and Fraud developed by the Personal Mobility Group. It was agreed the paper was comprehensive and timely given proposals in the Draft Budget. It was agreed to hold off publishing the report until May.

#### **4 ATS Update**

4.1 Alan updated members on progress on redrafting the Travel Safe Guide.

4.2 Alan updated members on the development of the BIC website. He asked for volunteers from the Committee to attend Clarence Court to test the site.

**All**

4.3 Alan updated members on the revised Regional Transportation Strategy.

#### **5 Work Programme 2011/2012**

5.1 Michael briefed members on the key issues around the draft Work Programme.

5.2 Members asked that more information including a timeline be provided for each task. Frank asked that specific mention be made of ongoing policy issues such as the work on cycling, Blue Badges and Belfast City centre be mentioned. Elizabeth asked that access to taxis be included. Bert queried how realistic it would be to achieve all the tasks in the year. He suggested indicating where tasks may potentially slip into next years work programme.

5.3 Michael agreed to redraft. The Committee discussed consultation with stakeholders it was agreed to publish the Work Programme and ask for feedback to be included in next years programme.

**Michael**

## **7 Any other business**

6.1 June updated members on work being done on her behalf by Guide Dogs in Wales looking at bilingual destination displays on buses.

6.2 Kellie highlighted potential problems created by changes proposed to police checks.

6.3 Michael reminded members that any outstanding expenses must be submitted before the accounts are closed probably at the end of April.

6.4 Frank paid tribute to William Stewart who is stepping down from Imtac this year. He and the rest of the Committee wished William well for the future.

## **8 Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 12.30pm in the Mount**