

# MINUTES OF THE

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



**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011, The Mount Belfast

**Present:** Frank Caddy (Chair)  
June Best  
David McDonald  
James Watson  
Bert Bailie  
Jim Nash  
Norma Moore  
Elizabeth Black  
Des McAuley  
Kellie Armstrong  
Ronnie Patterson  
Terry Butler  
Ann Collins  
Andrew Murdock  
Max O'Brien

**Apologies:**

Ann Gamble  
Philip Blair  
Francis Hughes  
Barbara Fleming  
Kevin Doherty

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

**Secretariat:** Michael Lorimer

## 1 Appointment of officers

- 1.1 The Committee appointed Bert Bailie to the position of vice-chair. Barbara Fleming, Ann Collins and David McDonald were reappointed to the Convenor positions.

## 2 Minutes of the last meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved

## 3 Matters arising

### 3.1 Concessionary fares information

Frank explained that changes within Ports & Public Transport had prevented a proposed meeting. The meeting will be progressed once things have settled.

### 3.2 Streets Ahead/Belfast on the move

Michael update members developments around changes in Belfast city centre. Imtac has been asked to expand proposals around mobility hubs in the City Centre. A meeting has been held with Roads Service regarding cycling proposals. Members expressed dissatisfaction that bollards had been purchased for the city centre that did not allow appropriate contrasting bands.

### 3.3 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. Members will have the opportunity to comment on the documents before they are finalised.

### 3.4 AV on buses

Andrew gave members an update on progress around the pilot of audio visual information systems on buses and stops on Metro Route 5 (Castlereagh Road). The pilot is planned to start in August.

## 4 Working Group updates

- 4.1 The Group discussed the paper on taxi ranks developed by the Public Transport Group. David suggested that referring to “door to door” may lead to confusion. David also suggested that design allow for rear access to vehicles for wheelchair users. **Michael**
- 4.2 During lively discussion members expressed wider frustrations with wider issues around access to taxis. It was agreed to contact DoE and invite officials to the next meeting to discuss progress with implementation of the Taxis Act. **Michael**
- 4.3 The Group discussed a paper on NI Direct developed by the Information & Training Group. During discussions it was agreed to include advice around links to other websites and accessibility and recommendations around user testing and NI Direct. **Michael**
- 4.4 The Group discussed the joint paper developed by members of the Personal Mobility Group, disability organisations, Sustrans and cycling organisations. Des highlighted concerns raised by older people at the Pensioners Parliament about sharing pavements with cyclists. The Committee endorsed the draft paper.

## 5 Revised Regional Transportation Strategy

- 5.1 Jenny and Alan gave members a presentation on the proposed way forward for the Regional Transportation Strategy. Jenny asked members to consider in particular whether in the future there was a need for stand alone strategies and plans such as the ATS or should such plans be mainstreamed in a future RTS.
- 5.2 During discussions members expressed support for an approach based on individuals and a focus on social exclusion. Members expressed some concerns about resources available to implement schemes to increase travel choice for people without access to a car. Members also reinforced the need for local planning around services.

## **6 Annual Report 2011**

- 6.1 Michael briefed members on the draft Annual Report for 2011. After brief discussion Frank asked members to feedback any comments before the end of June.

**All**

## **7 ATS Update**

- 7.1 Gavin updated members on progress with the BIC website and the relaunch of the Travel Safe Guide.

## **9 Any other business**

- 9.1 Olaf asked for an update on the situation regarding door2door and the impact on proposals for user forums. Michael gave a brief explanation of the situation.

## **10 Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 12.30pm in the Mount Belfast.**