

# MINUTES OF THE

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



**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011, The Mount Belfast

**Present:** Frank Caddy (Chair)  
Bert Bailie  
Jim Nash  
Elizabeth Black  
Ronnie Patterson  
Andrew Murdock  
Max O'Brien  
Etta Mann  
Barbara Fleming  
Francis Hughes  
June Best  
Terry Butler  
Ann Collins

### **Apologies:**

Norma Moore  
Ann Gamble  
Alan Preston  
Gavin Hamilton  
James Watson  
Des McAuley

**Observers:** Naomi Roberts (Equality Commission)  
Ryan Simpson (General Consumer Council)

**Secretariat:** Michael Lorimer

## 1 Minutes of last meeting

- 1.1 It was agreed to add Des McAuley to the list of apologies from the previous meeting. Subject to this change the minutes were approved.

## 2 Matters arising

### 2.1 Concessionary Fares Information

Michael reported no progress with this issue. Frank agreed to raise the issue with Tom Reid. **Frank**

### 2.2 AV on buses

Andrew gave members a brief update on the AV pilot that finished on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. Michael highlighted feedback from Autism NI around the design of visual information.

- 2.3 Members noted updates on Streets Ahead/Stem, Imtac review and implementation of the Taxis Act.

## 3 Guest Speaker – Anne Woods, Connexions Project, Cedar Foundation

- 3.1 Members received a briefing from Anne Woods about the Connexions project. Anne explained the work done with participants around difficulties accessing transport. After questions from members Frank thanked Anne for her contribution.

## 4 Working Group updates

### 4.1 Blue Badge Surveys 2011

Members were asked to comment on recent parking surveys undertaken in Belfast City Centre looking at Blue Badge use. Members broadly welcomed the report on the surveys. Max asked if similar surveys could be looked at in locations outside Belfast. **Michael**

#### 4.2 Report into information provision

Members were asked to comment on a report looking at the accessibility and availability of current information about transport services. Frank suggested that a meeting with the Public Transport Reform Team should be a priority action.

#### 4.3 Paper on Belfast City Centre Mobility Hubs

Members were asked to discuss the latest draft of the paper on city centre mobility hubs. Members were supportive of the paper as drafted.

#### 4.4 Paper on flexible transport

Members were asked to comments on the latest draft of the paper on flexible transport. After discussion members asked that the paper be amended to include a summary at the beginning.

**Michael**

### **5 Current consultations**

#### 5.1 Rapid Transit Routes

Members were asked to comment on the proposals for route options for rapid transit in Belfast. It was agreed to highlight concerns about the impact of routes on bus services in Belfast, parking for Blue Badge holder, the lack of integration with other public transport and specific comments on service standards.

**Michael**

#### 5.2 Draft Programme for Government/Investment Strategy

Members were asked to comment on the draft PfG. It was agreed that members should provide feedback on the issues raised and that a draft paper be prepared for the next Personal Mobility Group meeting. Michael also informed members that the Regional Development had asked Imtac to provide written evidence. After discussion Frank asked members to forward issues for inclusion in the response to Michael.

**Michael**

### 5.3 Taxi Fare and taximeter regulations

Members were asked to comment on proposals for regulation of taxi fares and the requirement to fit taximeters. Whilst members were broadly supportive of proposals a number of queries were raised including whether pet hair would be considered with regard to soiling charges. Michael **Michael** agreed to draft a response and distribute to members.

## 6 **Any other business**

7.1 Michael distributed dates for next years meetings.

## 8 **Date of next meeting**

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