

Community Transport Forum (Perth & Kinross)
16th January 2020, Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross
Note of Actions

Attendees	Nick Cole (Chair)	Blairgowrie Next Steps
	Margaret Roy	Perth & Kinross Council (Public Transport Unit)
	Moray Fraser	Perth & Kinross Council (Public Transport Unit)
	Anne Cragoe	Portmoak Community Council
	Sandy Smith	Kinross Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme
	David Aird	Kinross Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme
	Cllr Kathleen Baird	Perth & Kinross Council/Abernethy Comm. Transport
	David Colliar	Kinross Community Council
	Cllr David Illingworth	Perth & Kinross Council
	John Bertram	Perth Access Cars
	Cllr Mike Barnacle	Perth & Kinross Council
	Philip Lord	Muckhart Community Council
	Ash Gupta	The Gupta Partnership
	Christine Gupta	The Gupta Partnership
	Oli Gage-Walker	Madoch Centre (St Madoes)
	Rachael Murphy	Community Transport Association (CTA)
	Andrew Warrington	Auchterarder Community Bus Group
	Cllr Andrew Parrott	Perth & Kinross Council
	Cllr Stewart Donaldson	Perth & Kinross Council
	Paul Appleb	Cleish & Blairadam Community Council
	Clare Rogers	Perth & Kinross Council
	Mike Lee	Perth & Kinross Council
	Michael Haigh	Fossoway Community Council
	Carol Farquhar	Fossoway Community Council
	Douglas Fraser	Glenfarg Community Council

Apologies	Marion Duffy	Alyth and District Patient Transport Service
	Nicola Lindsay	Perth & Kinross Council (Community Engagement)
	Fiona Johnstone	Perth & Kinross Council (Community Engagement)
	Emma Burtles	Upper Tay Transport Group (Aberfeldy)
	Cindy Brook	Upper Tay Transport Group (Aberfeldy)
	Norman McCandlish	Upper Tay Transport Group (Aberfeldy)
	Maggie Urquhart	Elder Voice (Blairgowrie)
	Sue Cole	BADNS Strathmore & The Glens

Presentations

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Presentation: Kinross Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme (KVGROS) - David Aird, Vice Chair – DA gave a detailed presentation on the history of KVGROS and the range of health and social related services they provide. This was followed by a Q & A session. A copy of the presentation will be provided when the <i>Note of Actions</i> for the meeting is circulated to members.	MF

<p>Presentation: Gairloch Community Transport Initiative - Margaret Roy, Public Transport Team Leader, Perth & Kinross Council – MR provided details of a new approach by Highland Council to providing community transport in a rural which combined both school and public transport services. This was followed by a Q & A session.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation will be provided when the <i>Note of Actions</i> for the meeting is circulated to members.</p>	MF
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Action Points from Meeting of 5 September 2019

<p>CT Forum Aims & Objectives – MF noted that the <i>Terms of Reference</i> document had been finalised will now be posted on the Council's Community Transport Forum web page.</p>	MF
<p>PKC's Community Transport web pages -</p> <p>The group were reminded that any suggestions to improve the web pages would be welcomed and these can be emailed to publictransport@pkc.gov.uk.</p> <p>https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/14947/Community-transport</p>	All
<p>Investigate how we can support community transport for people with differing medical/health needs – MR is following up this matter with Audra Webster regarding guidance notes, training etc and links to NHS support.</p>	MR/ AWebster
<p>Communication – The provision of a Bulletin Board, FAQs and What's App Group to provide additional ways of communicating within the CT Forum group is still being investigated and any developments will be shared with the group.</p>	MF/MR
<p>Minibus & Minibus Driver Information – MF advised that, as requested, the <i>Perth & Kinross Council minibus</i> page had been updated to provide details of the Council minibuses which can be booked including seating capacity and where they are located. MF noted that the provision of a contact list for Midas qualified drivers who would be available to undertake occasional trips for CT Groups was still being investigated.</p>	MF/MR

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<p>Community Transport Association (CTA) - Rachael Murphy, Director CTA (Scotland) advised that the judgement on the Judicial Review taken by the Bus and Coach Association against the Department for Transport was given in December 2019.</p> <p>The judgement dismisses the Bus and Coach Association's case, rejecting their claim that the Department for Transport had acted unlawfully in its actions relating to the regulation of community transport. Judges also refused to grant a legal declaration as to what exclusively non-commercial purposes means and how it should be applied in relation to section 19 and 22 permits</p> <p>If any CT group requires any advice or support on this matter, they can contact the CTA advice service via advice@ctauk.org</p>	
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Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 – Cllr Mike Barnacle enquired about provision in the Act allowing local authorities to operate local bus services there is market failure. MR advised that this would be considered but this could be a costly undertaking for a local authority and at the moment the legalities of such an approach are still being discussed.	
Madoch Centre Vehicle – Oli Gage-Walker, Transport Co-ordinator (Madoch Centre) noted he wished to convert the step(s) on their CT vehicle to improve the access and enquired about suitable local coachbuilders that may be available to undertake the work. A few options were discussed, and it was suggested that OGW ensure that any vehicle modification is checked and certified by an appropriate body.	
Ash Gupta, Swift Mobility – AG advised group that Swift Mobility were at initial stages of T-TRIG funded research into community transport. The research is to demonstrate the value of information to increase travellers' choice by developing an easily digestible route map of informal transport options delivered in both physical and API formats. Swift Mobility are keen to engage to establish if one of the three locations for the project could be in Perth & Kinross Council. AG to liaise further with Margaret Roy.	AG/MR
Electric Vehicle Strategy – Mike Lee, Transport Planning, PKC advised that the Council have published an EV strategy and noted there is funding available for charging infrastructure to support the increasing use of electric vehicles. PKC are keen to support CT groups who may be thinking about purchasing an electric vehicle to undertake their transport services by means of funding the provision of EV charging points. ML noted he is currently liaising with the Madoch Centre (St Madoes) about a charging point in their car park and would be happy to discuss any similar requests from other CT groups.	ML

Date/Venue of next meeting

Thursday, 12 March 2020 at The Madoch Centre, St Madoes (6.30pm to 8.00pm).	
Oli Gage-Walker, Transport Co-ordinator, has been invited to provide a presentation about the new community transport services in the Carse area which have recently been established by the Madoch Centre, St Madoes.	OGW