

RMBC TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, ROTHERHAM.
S60 2TH

Date: Wednesday, 25th June, 2014

Time: 2.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
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Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 2.00 pm
Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 2.00 pm
Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 2.00 pm

All meetings at Rotherham Town Hall

Transport Liaison Group membership:-

Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways and Street Scene Services & Combined Authority Transport Committee Member - Councillor Smith (Chair)
Combined Authority Transport Committee Member, Councillor Foden
The Leader and the Deputy Leader

One Council member from each Ward as follows:-

Ward 1 – Burton	Ward 8 - Cutts	Ward 15 - Cowles
Ward 2 – Wootton	Ward 9 – Beaumont	Ward 16 - Sansome
Ward 3 – Ahmed	Ward 10 – Whelbourn	Ward 17 - Currie
Ward 4 – Finnie	Ward 11 – Swift	Ward 18 – Whysall
Ward 5 – Astbury	Ward 12 – Dodson	Ward 19 – Atkin
Ward 6 – Pitchley	Ward 13 – M. Vines	Ward 20 – Hoddinott
Ward 7 – J. Hamilton	Ward 14 – Russell	Ward 21 – Sharman

**RMBC Transport Liaison Group
Wednesday, 19th March, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Ahmed, Dodson, Falvey, Goult, Hoddinott, G. A. Russell, Sims, Swift, Whysall and Wootton; together with Mr. M. Nuttall (South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive), Mr. S. Hewitson (Rotherham Community Transport), Mr. A. Timewell (First Group) and Mr. J. Young (Stagecoach Yorkshire)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Atkin, Beaumont, Pickering, R. S. Russell and, Whelbourn; and from Mr. P. Flanagan and Mr. B. Gilligan (First Group) and Mr. D. Stevenson (Stagecoach East Midlands).

21. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2013

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Transport Liaison Group, held on 4th December, 2013.

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

22. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

With regard to Minute No. 18(c) (Rotherham town centre – cycling in pedestrianized areas), it was noted that after due consideration by the Cabinet (Minute No. 164 of the meeting held on 15th January 2014) and again by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development (14th February 2014), the scheme to permit cycling within the pedestrian areas of the Rotherham town centre, for a limited period and on an experimental basis, is to be limited to High Street only. A monitoring report will be submitted, later in 2014, to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development.

23. UPDATES FROM THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS

(1) First Group – there are minor punctuality changes to some bus services affecting Treeton; questioning the recent increase in the price of fares, Members were informed that the principle reasons were rising costs and investment in vehicles; every endeavour is to be made to freeze fares for some short distance journeys; the eventual introduction of the Rotherham Voluntary Bus Partnership may include the introduction of weekly tickets. In addition, the price of fares for school pupils, who have to use several different buses on journeys to and from school, is to be kept as low as possible. The reduction in the price of bus fares in parts of South Yorkshire was also noted.

(2) Stagecoach East Midlands – there are no planned service changes in advance of the introduction of the Rotherham Voluntary Bus Partnership, expected to occur during the Summer 2014.

(3) Stagecoach Yorkshire – in response to feedback received as part of the public consultation process, services 108 and 109, operating in the Rawmarsh area, are to be returned to the routes applicable during 2012. The Transport Liaison Group noted that both Stagecoach and the First Group are taking action to assist in the reduction of air pollution by investment in new fleet and the use of alternative fuel buses (eg: electricity and gas). The use of electric buses will require re-charging facilities to be installed along bus routes. Gas-fuelled buses were being trialled in Sunderland.

(4) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYLTE)

The highway alterations have been completed to allow the access and egress of vehicles at the Rotherham transport interchange (Centenary Way/Drummond Street). Discussions arising from the Rotherham Voluntary Bus Partnership consultation exercise have resulted in the restoration of direct links from the South Rotherham area to the Rotherham hospital. There are proposals for minor service changes in Maltby, to improve the speed of journeys, but in some areas (eg: Kimberworth) service changes will not be implemented. Service changes are being proposed for the Dalton/Flanderwell/Sunnyside area and it is anticipated that an hourly service frequency will continue to maintain links between these communities. There is an intention to introduce new ticketing arrangements for young people (aged 5 to 18 years), which include area-wide day and week tickets, acceptable to all bus operators. Members referred to the travel needs of young people, from outlying areas of the Rotherham Borough to the Rotherham town centre and to Meadowhall.

(5) Rotherham Community Transport

Members received a presentation from Steve Hewitson about the Social Prescribing Service, which had won the excellence in individual participation award from NHS England, announced on 3rd March 2014; this service aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness amongst older people and people with a disability; Rotherham Community Transport has provided transport support for this service in Rotherham; statistical details were provided of the use of the dial-a-ride service throughout the Rotherham Borough area (eg: on one day in February, Community Transport accommodated almost 700 passenger journeys, using 22 vehicles); Members were informed of the way in which information about community transport was made available to the public, especially to young people who have disabilities; the presentation also included information about 'transport poverty' – the cost of transport being such a significant proportion of household expenditure, especially in deprived communities; it was noted that transport poverty tended to be a problem in some of Rotherham's rural communities; discussion also took place on the costs of fares for use of the dial-a-ride service, which were established on a county-wide basis.

Information was also provided about Rotherham Community Transport's service changes and fare increases, effective from Monday 31 March 2014, together with the timetable for the Door-2-Door service. Members noted the case study about the recruitment of a female apprentice motor vehicle engineer with Rotherham Community Transport.

The Transport Liaison Group acknowledged the limited funding available for community transport, as a consequence of reductions in public expenditure;

(6) Robin Hood Airport – consideration was given to the minutes of the two most recent meetings of the Robin Hood Airport Consultative, both held on 16th January, 2014 : (i) an ordinary meeting; and (ii) the annual general meeting. The contents of these minutes were noted.

(7) Northern Rail – information has been requested, by Members, about passenger safety on trains in the local area and at the Rotherham railway station.

24. UPDATES FROM RMBC TRANSPORTATION UNIT

The Borough Council was preparing bids for funding from the South Yorkshire Local Sustainable Transport Fund, for the financial year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. Bids for new projects had to be submitted by the deadline of 31st March 2014 and projects were expected to promote and/or support economic growth in the area, as well as help to reduce carbon emissions. Projects would relate to the Rotherham to Sheffield corridor, the Rotherham to Dearne corridor, as well as transport links between Rotherham and local centres such as Aston, Dinnington and Maltby. In addition, the funding bid would include: cycling promotion; the economic use of fleet vehicles; the Transport Academy (standards relating to public transport); safer roads; 'wheels-to-work'; bus services providing access to employment in the area between Stocksbridge, Chapeltown and Manvers; personalised travel planning (use of public transport); implementation of the South Yorkshire Intelligent Transport Systems in the Rotherham Borough area; 'Plugged in Places' (use of electric vehicles and the provision of 'plug-in' stations at various locations); marketing of these schemes (eg: www.inmotion.co.uk, a web site providing advice about travel options in South Yorkshire).

25. TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Further to Minute No.19 of the meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group held on 4th December, 2013, consideration was given to the Liaison Group's draft terms of reference.

Agreed:- That the draft terms of reference, as now submitted, be noted and considered further as part of the development of the Rotherham Voluntary Bus Partnership.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Transport Liaison Group was informed that a petition, containing 121 signatures, from residents and local businesses at Kenneth Street and Effingham Street, Rotherham has been received, requesting that the route of the Rotherham to Parkgate free bus should include both of those roads, as a consequence of the highway layout alterations resulting from the construction of the new Tesco supermarket, off Centenary Way. Members noted that, due to budget reductions, the public funding for the free bus will cease altogether in April 2014. However, it was anticipated that private sector funding might be made available to continue the free bus service for a limited period of time.

27. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- (1) That the next meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group be held at the Town Hall, Rotherham on Wednesday, 25th June, 2014, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

(2) That future meetings of the Transport Liaison Group take place on:-

- Wednesday during September, 2014 (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday during December, 2014 (to be confirmed)

**SYPTE Briefing Note
Rotherham Transport Liaison Panel
Wednesday 25 June 2014**

1. Rotherham Bus Partnership – July 2014 Bus Service Changes

Rotherham Bus Partnership brings together Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC), South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE), and local bus operators First South Yorkshire, Stagecoach Yorkshire and East Midlands, Powells and TM Travel, in a bid to improve bus services in the town and surrounding area.

Our aim is to make bus travel in Rotherham better by offering reliable, convenient and co-ordinated services with value for money fares. By working together, we want to provide better access to jobs, schools, hospitals and leisure activities by creating a customer-focused bus network that offers a realistic alternative to the car – helping to cut congestion and delays on the town's roads.

The Partnership will launch on Monday 21 July 2014. The following Changes to Rotherham's bus services will take place from Saturday 19 July:

- 1** **First**
Rotherham – Maltby
Service 1 will be re-routed in Maltby, serving Quilter Road between The Queens and Firth Crescent. There will also be changes to the times.
- 1A** **First**
Rotherham – Ravenfield Common
There will be changes to the times with an additional early morning journey being introduced.
- 2** **First**
Rotherham – Maltby
Changes to the times of Monday to Saturday afternoon and evening journeys and to Sunday journeys. An earlier journey will be introduced in both directions on Sundays.
- 3/3A** **First**
Rotherham – Ravenfield Common
First services 3 and 3A will no longer operate, with the last day of operation being Saturday 19 July. They will be replaced by changes to First services 10 routed via Flanderwell and 37 extended from Thrybergh to Ravenfield Common Cedar Drive.
- 4** **First**
Rotherham – Ravenfield Common
First service 4 will no longer operate, with the last day of operation being Saturday 19 July. The service is replaced by First service 37, which is extended to Ravenfield Common Cedar Drive and new Powells Bus service 4 running between Bramley, Flanderwell, Rotherham and extended to Meadowhall and new TM Travel service 4 operating between Bramley, Flanderwell and Rotherham.
- 4** **Powells Bus / TM Travel**
Meadowhall – Rotherham – Bramley

New services partly replacing First service 4 between Flanderwell and Rotherham. Service 4 operated by Powells Bus and is routed from Bramley via Belvedere Parade to Flanderwell, Dalton, Rotherham and is extended to link to Meadowhall. The service will run hourly during the daytime Monday to Saturday. Service 4 operated by TM Travel will operate between Bramley, Flanderwell and Rotherham. The service will operate a single early morning journey Monday to Saturday.

- 7 8** **First / TM Travel**
Rotherham – Kimberworth – Kimberworth Park – Blackburn
7 (First): Changes to the times.
7 (TM Travel): Changes to the times.
8 (First): Changes to the times.
8 (TM Travel): Journey on TM Travel service 8 will be withdrawn.
- 10** **First, TM Travel**
Rotherham – Maltby
In Maltby buses terminate at Blyth Road not Muglet Lane.
- 11** **TM Travel**
Rotherham – East Dene - Herringthorpe
Changes to the times. Evening and Sunday journeys will operate 30 minutes later. The 0555 Saturday journey will operate 5 minutes later.
- 14** **First**
Rotherham – Clifton - Herringthorpe
Changes to the times, frequency improved to run every 15 minutes daytimes.
- 15** **First**
Rotherham – East Dene – Herringthorpe
Changes to the times, frequency improved to run every 12 minutes daytimes.
- 18B** **First**
Doncaster – Edlington – Maltby
Changes to the route, no longer serving The Broadway and changes to the times.
- 22/22X/22M** **First /Stagecoach**
Rotherham – Manvers – Wath Upon Dearne – Wombwell – Barnsley
Each operator will operate four buses per hour between Rotherham, Manvers, Wath Upon Dearne , Wombwell and Barnsley with two First journeys per hour extending to Meadowhall replacing those journeys currently on service 34.
- 26/26ATM Travel**
Service 26 – Crystal Peaks – Killamarsh – Wales – Kiveton Park – Thorpe Salvin – Harthill – Woodall - Killamarsh – Crystal Peaks.
Service 26A – runs in reverse direction
TM Travel service 271 will be replaced by circular services 26 and 26A between Crystal Peaks and Thorpe Salvin.
- 27** **First, TM Travel**
Rotherham – Aston – Beighton – Waterthorpe
Revised to run between Rotherham and Waterthorpe (Crystal Peaks) with changes to the times improved from one to two buses each hour on Mondays

to Fridays. Saturday and Sunday times will also change. In Aston buses will operate the opposite way round the loop. Towards Crystal Peaks buses will run clockwise. Towards Rotherham buses will run anti-clockwise. This change has been made to make the service common with the 29 route. Services 26 and 26A will provide a link between Waterthorpe (Crystal Peaks), Killamarsh and Kiveton Park.

- 27A** **First**
Rotherham – Aston – Kiveton Park – Dinnington
First service 27A will no longer operate. For alternative services from Dinnington or Anston to Rotherham use 19 or 19B. From Kiveton Park to Rotherham use 29. From Todwick to Rotherham use the 74 departing Todwick at 0719 or 0746 then change at Swallownest on to service 27 at 0735 or 0813).
- 29, 29A** **First, TM Travel**
Rotherham – Aston – Kiveton Park – Harthill/Todwick
First service 29 will be re-routed in Aston via Worksop Road and Lodge Lane. TM Travel service 29A will run to Harthill only and will no longer operate between Harthill and Halfway.
- 31** **TM Travel**
Rotherham – Brinsworth – Meadowhall
The frequency of TM Travel service 31 will increase, to operate every 30 minutes instead of every 60 minutes.
- 32** **First**
Sheffield – Rotherham
This service will no longer run, with the last day of operation being Saturday 19 July. The service is replaced by changes to First service 70 and new First services 72 and 72A.
- 33** **First**
Rotherham – Brinsworth – Treeton
This service will no longer run, with the last day of operation being Saturday 19 July. The service is replaced by new First service 73 routed via Nursery Drive, and replaced on Howarth Road by new First service 71. A few journeys will run as 73A which will serve Rotherham Hospital. Evening and Sunday journeys between Treeton and Rotherham will be replaced by new First service 72A.
- 33** **TM Travel**
Rotherham – Brinsworth – Treeton
This service will no longer run, with the last day of operation being Saturday 19 July. The service is replaced by new First service 72A.
- 34** **First**
Meadowhall - Rotherham – Whiston
Revised to run between Rotherham and Whiston with changes to the times. The Rotherham to Meadowhall section is replaced by new First service 22M.
- 34** **First**
Rotherham – Meadowhall
New First service 22M will replace service 34 between Rotherham and Meadowhall.

- 35** **First**
Rotherham – Canklow – Brinsworth
This service will no longer run, with the last day of operation being Saturday 19 July. The service is partially replaced by new First service 71.
- 37** **First**
Rotherham – Thrybergh – Ravenfield Common
First service 37 will be extended from Thrybergh to Ravenfield Common Cedar Drive to replace services 3 and 4. Buses will operate direct along Doncaster Road instead of Mowbray Street and ASDA. Buses will still stop outside ASDA grounds on Doncaster Road. There will also be changes to the times.
- 40 41 42** **First**
Rotherham – Kimberworth Park – Greasbrough – Parkgate
Timetable adjustments to improve punctuality.
- 43** **First**
Meadowhall – Kimberworth – Wingfield
Minor timetable adjustments to departure times for improved network coordination.
- 69** **First**
Rotherham – Tinsley – Sheffield
First service 69 will run from Sheffield via Flat Street instead of Arundel Gate.
- 70** **First**
Dore - Sheffield – Arbourthorne - Catcliffe
Extended to run through from Sheffield to Catcliffe via Arbourthorne, Manor Top and Handsworth partially replacing service 32.
- 71** **First**
Rotherham – Canklow – Brinsworth – Sheffield Business Park – Meadowhall
New service running between Rotherham and Meadowhall via Brinsworth and Tinsley Park every 30 minutes, partially replacing services 35 and part of service A1.
- 72** **First**
Sheffield – Handsworth – Catcliffe – Brinsworth - Rotherham
New service running between Sheffield and Rotherham via Parkway Industrial Estate, Handsworth, Catcliffe and Brinsworth, running Monday to Saturday daytimes partially replacing part of services 32 and A1.
- 72A** **First**
Sheffield – Handsworth – Catcliffe – Treeton – Brinsworth - Rotherham
New evening and Sunday service running between Sheffield and Rotherham via Parkway Industrial Estate, Handsworth, Catcliffe, Treeton and Brinsworth, partially replacing part of services 32, A1 and 33 evenings and Sundays.
- 73/73A****First**
Rotherham – Brinsworth – Treeton
First service 33 will be re-numbered service 73, routed to serve Nursery Drive in Catcliffe, and replaced on Howarth Road in Brinsworth by new First service 71. Monday to Saturday evening and Sunday journeys between Treeton and

Rotherham will be replaced by new First service 72A. A few journeys will run as 73A and will serve Rotherham General Hospital

- 74** **First**
Sheffield - Aston – Harthill
New service running between Sheffield and Harthill via Attercliffe, Tinsley Park, Catcliffe, Treeton, Aughton, Swallownest, Aston, Todwick and Kiveton Park, replacing part of services A1 and X14.
- 108** **Stagecoach**
Rotherham – Parkgate – Rawmarsh Circular
Stagecoach service 108 will be extended to serve Manor Farm via Thorogate, returning to Rotherham via Sandhill.
- 109** **Stagecoach**
Rotherham – Parkgate – Rawmarsh Circular
Stagecoach service 109 will run from Manor Farm to Parkgate via Monkwood Road as a reverse route of service 108.
- 217 218** **Stagecoach**
Barnsley – Goldthorpe – Mexborough – Rawmarsh – Rotherham
217: Revised route, terminating in Goldthorpe. No longer serves Thurnscoe.
218: Changes to times with evening and Sunday journeys extended to Barnsley.
- 220** **Stagecoach**
Doncaster – Mexborough – Cortonwood
Changes to timetable on evenings and Sundays.
- 221** **Stagecoach**
Rotherham – Mexborough – Doncaster
Changes to timetable on evenings and Sundays.
- 222** **Stagecoach**
Barnsley – Swinton – Doncaster
Changes to timetable on evenings and Sundays.
- 226** **Stagecoach**
Barnsley – Wath Upon Dearne – Thurnscoe
Changes to the evening times.
- 228** **Stagecoach**
Rotherham – Rawmarsh – Wath Upon Dearne
Changes to timetable on evenings and Sundays.
- 271** **TM Travel**
Waterthorpe – Killamarsh – Worksop
This service will no longer run, with the last day of operation being Saturday 19 July. The service is partially replaced by new TM Travel services 26 and 26A.
- A1** **TM Travel**
Sheffield – Meadowhall - Rotherham

This service will run between Waverley and Meadowhall only except for first early morning journeys. The Sheffield to Parkway Industrial Estate section is replaced by new First services 72 and 72A and the Sheffield to Tinsley Business Park replaced by new First service 74. The Rotherham to Tinsley Park section is replaced by new First service 71. The Sunday service is cancelled.

- X5** **First**
Sheffield – Kiveton Park – Thurcroft
Minor changes will be made to the timetable to improve punctuality. There will be an additional Monday to Saturday evening journey from Sheffield at 2101. Also on schooldays departures from Sheffield will be revised between 1600 and 1700 to provide journeys every 15 minutes. During the school holidays departures will remain at every 20 minutes.
- X13** **First**
Sheffield - Meadowhall – Wickersley – Woodlathes
This service will have 1 journey in each direction Monday to Friday only. Between Sheffield and Brinsworth, Bawtry Road this service will be routed via Carbrook and Attercliffe instead of Catcliffe and Sheffield Parkway. Departure from Woodlathes will be 0735 returning from Sheffield at 1725.
- X14** **First**
Sheffield – Treeton - Harthill
This service will be partly replaced by new First service 74.
- X22** **First**
Rotherham – Thorpe Hesley – Dodworth - Barnsley
Morning trip departs 10 minutes earlier and evening trip departs 15 minutes later.
- X55** **First**
Sheffield – Handsworth – Swallownest – South Anston – Dinnington
New Monday to Friday service X55 will operate the same route as service X5 to Aston, then direct via the A57 to South Anston and Dinnington.

2. Changes to Rotherham FirstDay ticket price

First have announced that they will reduce the price of the Rotherham FirstDay ticket to £3.90 from **Sunday 22 June**.

The Rotherham FirstDay ticket now offers customers better value for money with unlimited travel on First buses within the Rotherham district boundary, including Meadowhall.

The 70p (15%) price reduction aims to encourage even more people to use the bus.

3. Rail North Long Term Rail Strategy

- The Expression of Interest submitted by authorities in the North of England for rail devolution in June 2012 contained a commitment to develop a Long Term Rail Strategy for the North of England.

- The Long Term Rail Strategy sets out how rail provision should develop to the current estimated opening of HS2 in 2032 to better support the economy of the North.
- A draft Strategy was developed by consultants in 2013 and was then subject to an extensive public consultation exercise. The results of this exercise have now been analysed and the Strategy amended as a result. The text was approved at the Rail North Steering Group on 26 February and final approval will be sought from a meeting of Local Transport Authority Leaders later in 2014.
- The Strategy suggests a vision of a connected network, which is coherent, cost effective and provides sufficient capacity. It then sets out what the gap between current rail provision is and the aspirations set out in the Vision. Conditional Outputs are then defined which will, if realised, address the gaps identified and contribute towards achieving the Vision for rail in the North of England. The outputs are conditional and dependent upon affordable and economically worthwhile solutions being identified.
- It is not the role of the Strategy to specify delivery mechanisms or to identify specific interventions. The Strategy provides overall guidance and vision but delivery will be for the rail industry to progress.
- The Strategy underpins the partnership approach to franchising being pursued by Rail North with the Department for Transport. The franchising process is one way of contributing to the achievement of its outputs. Others include Government and Network Rail plans and future franchises.
- For South Yorkshire, the implications of the Strategy include better links to London and to Manchester Airport from all main centres, and the need to plan for HS2 connectivity.

4. Network Rail Delivery Plan Period 5 (2014-2019)

- The Railway Industry operates on five year infrastructure planning cycles, known as Control Periods. Control Period 5 is the period from April 2014 to March 2019.
- Network Rail is the owner and operator of the national rail network. Network Rail is regulated by the independent industry regulator, the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR)
- Government specifies the outputs that it wants rail to deliver through the High Level Output Specification. ORR then carries out a Periodic Review process which ultimately sets the level of funding available to Network Rail for each Control Period to deliver these outputs. This Periodic Review is subject to consultation and engagement, and the Network Rail Delivery Plan is the conclusion of the process. The Control Period 6 Delivery Plan was published on 31 March 2014.
- The CP5 Delivery Plan includes several enhancements which will improve both passenger and freight services in the Sheffield City Region (SCR); significantly more than was the case in CP4 (2009 - 14). The largest and most significant schemes are the electrification of the Midland Main Line between Bedford and Sheffield and the Northern Hub improvements.
- Whilst including significant investments for the SCR, there are a number of rail priorities that remain to be committed. SYPTE is continuing to engage and work with the rail industry to develop the case for these to be committed in the future.

Councillor Stone “Count Me In” Rotherham Volunteers Month

Thursday 5th June 2014



Councillor Roger Stone, Leader of Rotherham Borough Council and Chair of the Rotherham Partnership joined me this morning with Rotherham Community Transport. Councillor Stone volunteered as a Passenger Assistant supporting elderly people to go shopping using Community Transport Shopper Bus Service. It was fantastic to see him helping people on and off the bus, carrying shopping and engaging in conversation. He was a real hit with the ladies who could not believe how old he was! At times I sat back in my seat to listen to the conversations and community spirit that existed between neighbours and heard about how valuable the bus service was to them. They were their own small community on the bus, right there and then.

We carried individual passengers initially one older gentleman travelled to Davies Court in Dinnington where, until recently, his wife who had dementia had been cared for until she passed away. He was 89 years old and still went up to Davies court to see the staff and take them chocolates. I had to fight back the tears as he recalled happy memories, clearly during the time his wife was there and now the bus is a lifeline to him.

Everyone we spoke to told us of the excellent service they get from Community Transport and how the driver “Gary” was one of their favourites.

Councillor Stone gave up his morning as part of “Count Me In” Rotherham Volunteers Month, a campaign to raise the profile of volunteering across Rotherham. He is the second of our VIP volunteers to take part. As Volunteer Centre Manager it was a privilege to join both Councillor Stone and Community Transport to aid those in and around Rotherham who use the service.

RCT was established in 1989 and currently provides around 12,000 passenger journeys a month, RCT aims to coordinate and integrate a range of Dial-a-Ride, Community Transport and Transport for Health & Social Care Services and supports this with their in-house fleet maintenance and training with an emphasis on driving for both safety and economy contributing to both local employment and the delivery of reliable and valued local services.

Something as simple as a bus ride or a lift with a volunteer makes a tremendous difference to lonely and isolated older people, people with long term conditions and disabled children and their families. Could you offer a helping hand to people where you live by going the extra mile and becoming a driving force in your community? Whether it is helping out as a passenger assistant on one of the shopper buses, Volunteering as a driver (with or without your own car) or contributing time and experience as a trustee you will be more than welcome. If you would like to join the team in RCT and become a volunteer you can apply [online here](#)

Julie Adamson

Volunteer Centre Manager



ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

17 APRIL 2014

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
Councillor B Barker (Bassetlaw District Council), A Bosmans (FODSA),
L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), S Dishman (Doncaster Chamber of Commerce
and Enterprise), Mayor R Jones (Doncaster MBC),
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council),
County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), M Di Salvatore
(West Lindsey District Council), Councillor P Schofield (Observer), A Shirt
(South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat), P Skelding (Nottinghamshire County
Council), A Storey OBE (Ex-Officio), Councillor Y D Woodcock (Doncaster
MBC) and R Young (Doncaster MBC)

Apologies were received from: J Bamford (Nottinghamshire CC), Councillor
L Bramall (Sheffield CC), S Gill (RHADS), Councillor B Hoyle and
Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC)

1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed Members to the April meeting of the Airport Consultative
Committee.

An extended welcome went to Richard Young, Business Development Tourism and
Visitor Economy Officer for Doncaster MBC.

2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2014**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2014 be agreed as
a correct record.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

i) **New Airport Website**

The Committee were informed that the new website for Robin Hood Airport had
now been launched.

ii) **Connections with South East Asia**

It was noted that discussions continued at the Airport regarding connections to
South East Asia.

4 UPDATE FROM DONCASTER MBC TOURISM ON THE PILGRIM FATHERS COUNTRY TOUR

The Committee received an update from Richard Young in relation to the Pilgrim Fathers Country Tour.

The Committee was reminded that the Pilgrim Fathers Country Tour was one of the main attractions for visitors to the county. The use of the airport was a catalyst for increasing traffic and growth in the region.

It was highlighted that Doncaster MBC Tourism had been working alongside its counterparts in Nottinghamshire, Bassetlaw and Lincolnshire since 2006 on developing a Pilgrim Fathers Country trail.

Doncaster MBC were currently assisting the Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Association in submitting a funding bid for Heritage Lottery Funding. The funding bid would enable the Association to develop a Pilgrim Fathers Country Tour brochure, along with developing a visitor attraction based at Austerfield.

If the funding bid was successful, a visitor centre would be constructed, expected to be opened in 2017, prior to the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers in 2020.

It was important that a Pilgrim Fathers “product” be developed (i.e. the brochure and visitor centre) in order for marketing the Pilgrim Country Tour to tourists and visitors. Within the next 5 years it was anticipated that an airline route from South America could be established with the Airport.

The Committee felt that it was not only important to stimulate growth around Doncaster, but also in all the areas in the wider heritage of the county.

Members were informed that a new art exhibition; ‘St. Helena’s Church and the Pilgrim Fathers’ would take place on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2014, at St. Helena’s Church, Austerfield.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the update.

5 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT

L Daffern, Head of Terminal Services and Security provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:-

- Steve Gill and Chris Harcombe had attended the Routes Europe conference in France at the beginning of April. Their attendance at the conference was to promote the airport and to make the case for new air services.
- The regulatory functions of the airport had recently transferred from the DfT to the CAA.
- Wizz Air had launched a new route to Bucharest, with flights every Monday and Friday, starting on 13 June 2014. Flights were now on sale.

- Wizz Air had also launched a new route to Riga, with flights twice a week on Mondays and Fridays, starting on 20 June 2014. Flights were now on sale.
- LinksAir had commenced with their Belfast City and Isle of Man routes on 14 April 2014.
- Discussions were taking place with an airline regarding flights to Aberdeen.
- Interviews had recently been held for an Environment and Communities Officer, to be based at the Airport. An individual had been successful, subject to references etc.
- The Airport would shortly be recruiting for an Engineering Manager.
- Dayle Hauxwell had now commenced in post as the Airport's Cargo Manager. Discussions were on-going with a number of potential operators.
- Members were made aware that the management of Manston Airport in Kent had issued its staff with details of a 45-day consultation to closure notice. It was noted that if the Airport did close, it may result in increased QC4 operations from Robin Hood Airport.

In relation to the Finningley and Rossington Regeneration Route Scheme (FARRRS), Mayor Jones reported that work on the scheme was expected to be completed on time by early 2016. Plans were also in place to obtain funding in 2015 for the remaining 2½ kilometres of the route from Parrott's Corner to the Airport.

A Tolhurst asked if Peel Airports had submitted any funding bids to the Government's regional air connectivity fund which had been set up to allow airports to apply for funding to entice airlines to set up new routes to places within the European Union. L Daffern reported that she was not aware if Peel Airports had submitted any bids, adding that she would obtain an update for the July meeting. **ACTION: L Daffern**

In relation to permanently basing the Vulcan at the Airport, it was reported that discussions continued between the Airport and Vulcan to the Sky Trust.

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that discussions were taking place between the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre and Vulcan to the Sky Trust regarding a programme for young engineers at primary school level.

S Dishman asked if an update could be provided regarding the businesses choosing to locate in the airport's business park. **ACTION: L Daffern to obtain an update for the July meeting.**

Mayor Jones informed the Committee that Doncaster MBC and its partners were currently bidding for both the establishment of an engineering academy and a rail academy.

A Storey asked if an update could be provided regarding the on-site hotel.

L Daffern reported that the hotel's occupancy rates had been particularly low; however, the Airport had recently been working with the hotel to develop a new "stay

and park” package for passengers in an attempt to generate business from passengers using the Airport.

S Dishman suggested that it may be appropriate to hold an annual logistics event at the Airport, once the infrastructure for FARRRS and the iPort was in place. The Committee commented that this was an excellent idea. **ACTION: L Daffern to forward the suggestion to S Gill.**

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6 UK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES LIAISON GROUP: RESPONSE ISSUED TO THE DFT ON THE GUIDELINES FOR AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

The Committee noted the UK Airport Consultative Committees Liaison Group’s response to the DfT’s request for comments on the draft updated guidelines for airport consultative committees.

A Bosmans informed the Committee that the Strategic Aviation Specialist Interests Group had also submitted a similar response to the DfT.

RESOLVED – That the response be noted.

7 MINUTES OF THE ACC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 16 January 2014 be noted.

8 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 MARCH 2014

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 20 March 2014 be noted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that arrangements were being made for a representative from Cessna to attend the July meeting to update the Committee on the work of their organisation.

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 17 July 2014 at 10:00 am, in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR