



THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

Minute of Meeting held in the
HITRANS Office, Inverness
Airport, on Friday 4 August
2006 at 11.00am.

PRESENT
Mr Robert Sclater (In the Chair) – Orkney Islands Council
Mr Duncan MacIntyre – Argyll and Bute Council
Mrs Roma Hossack – Moray Council
Mr Donald Manford – Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Mr Ewen Mackinnon - Highland Council
Mr Wilson Metcalf
Ms Louise Smith
Mr Donald MacNeill

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE
Mr Jeremy Baster – Orkney Islands Council
Mr Dave Duthie – Argyll and Bute Council
Mr Murdo Gray – Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Mr Sandy Ritchie – Moray Council
Mr Frank Roach – Highland Rail Partnership
Mr Iain Duff - SCDI
Mr Sam MacNaughton – Highland Council
Mr Howard Brindley – HITRANS
Mr Ranald Robertson – HITRANS
Mr Andrew Capes - HITRANS
Mr David Summers – HIPTF
Mrs Diane MacLafferty - Scottish Executive
Mr Douglas Forson, Scottish Executive
Ms Naomi Coleman – Steer Davies Gleave
Mr Derek Palmer – Steer Davies Gleave

APOLOGIES
Mr Charlie King (Chairman) – Highland Council

Tribute: Mrs Mary
McLauchlan
The Chairman referred to the death of Mrs Mary McLauchlan who had served as an advisor to the Voluntary Partnership in her capacity as Head of Transport and Environmental Services for the Highland Council. The Chairman, on behalf of members, extended condolences to Mrs McLauchlan's family at this sad time.

MINUTES

Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership 1 The Minute of Meeting of 7 July 2006 was **approved subject to the inclusion of the following paragraph at item 11;**

"Arising from consideration of this item it was agreed that the Chairman would make representations to Cal Mac in relation to their policy of charging concessionary card holders for transportation of trailers used to transport disabled buggies".

Arising from consideration of this item it was agreed that members would submit their comments on ferry users consultation arrangements to Mr Howard Brindley.

FINANCE

Regional Transport Strategy 2 With reference to item 8 of the Minute of Meeting of 7 July 2006 Mr Howard Brindley submitted a Report in relation to the Transport Network Hierarchy. The Report stated that Locally Significant Roads would be added to the Hierarchy as a third level and that work was under way to develop the basis for option generation and a methodology for prioritisation.

It was agreed to note the Report.

It was agreed that the following item be taken in private.

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Ms Naomi Coleman and Mr Derek Palmer, from Steer Davies Gleave, facilitated a working session on generating and prioritising options for improvements to the regions transport network.

It was agreed that:

- (1) Ms Naomi Coleman would amend the draft Priority Matrix following the receipt of comments from members; and**
- (2) the Matrix would be considered at the next meeting.**