

## **Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance (SATA)**

### **Annual General Meeting 2009**

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2009 at the RNIB office, 12-14 Hillside Crescent, Edinburgh, commencing at 1.30 pm.

#### **Present**

##### Members:

Stan Flett (Chairperson), Maggie Killin (Vice Chairperson), Douglas Gilroy (Individual Honorary Life Member), John Ballantine (Individual), James Cook (Lothian Community Transport Services), Anne Cowan (Fife Council), Arthur Cowie (Lochaber Disability Access Panel), Kate Cross (individual), Paul Cross (Individual), Bob Edwards (Highland Council), Jan Goodall (DATAG), Murray Fleming (Scottish Taxi Federation), Jane Horsburgh (Guide Dogs Scotland), Lillian Lawson (SCoD), Alan Loos (Individual), John McDonald (CTA), Pat McGuigan (Glasgow Access Panel), Jim McKay (Individual), Ryan McQuigg (Leonard Cheshire Disability), John Moore (Lothian Community Transport Services), Alan Rees (Individual Honorary Life Member), Jim Ritchie (Individual), Terry Robinson (Individual), Ivor Souter (Highland Council), Muriel Williams (Individual Honorary Life Member), Dennis Wilson (RNIB), Ann Young (SEAG).

In attendance: Andrew Dewey, Agnes McIvor (Interpreters)

#### **1. Opening remarks**

Stanley Flett took the Chair and opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone.

#### **2. Apologies**

Donald Anderson (Glasgow CIL), Fiona Anderson (NorthLink Ferries), Chris Clark (Transport Scotland), Lena Gillies (ENABLE), Mike Holmes (ENABLE), Colin Howden (TRANSform Scotland), Margaret Gilroy (Individual), David Griffiths (ECAS), Maggie Lawson (Baddenoch & Strathspey CT), Mac Logan (Individual), Mina McDonald (Individual), Jackie Maceira (West Dunbartonshire Access Panel), Ryan McQuigg (Leonard Cheshire Disability), Bill McIntosh (Scottish Taxi Federation), Roddy MacTaggart (Aberdeen City Council), Andrew Overton (London Taxis International), Patrick Nyamurandira (First ScotRail), Tom Porter (Individual Honorary Member), Tomas Patullo (Individual), Liz Rowlett (Scottish Disability Equality Forum), Matt Short (National Express North East), Jean Smith (Cummnock & Doon Valley Access Panel).

#### **3. Minutes of the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

These were adopted on a proposal by Pat McGuigan, seconded by Arthur Cowie.

#### **4. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda**

##### **Item 8. Resolution**

Alan Rees expressed his thanks to members for making him an Honorary Life Member. This was very much appreciated.

#### **5. Annual Report 2008-9 'Transport Access Matters'**

Alan Rees, Secretary, presented the report which had been circulated. Hard copies were available. He highlighted some of the achievements since the last AGM:

- an increase in membership - now over 70 and 100 the target by the end of the year
- a refreshed website
- the first of a regular newsletter 'SATA News'
- well attended meetings in Glasgow, Camelon and Dundee
- matters to consider sent to MACS which had started up again with new members
- consultation issues included Blue Badge parking enforcement and charges; the review of the Scotland-wide free bus travel scheme; buggies on buses and trains; the Thistle Card Travel scheme; train and station design - DfT Code of Practice; the ScotRail DPPP; train, tram and subway accessibility; access to ferries; airport and air travel access; local and regional transport strategies, policies and plans.

He thanked all members for their support, in particular members of the Management Committee .

The Annual Report was adopted on a motion from John Ballantine, seconded by Jan Goodall. Alan was thanked for producing the report and for all his hard work during the year.

#### **6. Financial Statement 2008-9**

John Ballantine, Treasurer, presented the financial statement which had been independently scrutinised, signed, and circulated to members. He highlighted the small surplus of receipts over payments, the former coming mainly from membership subscriptions and the latter spent predominantly on meetings. The position at the end of the financial year was reasonable, with a balance of £1,192 carried forward and no liabilities.

Some discussion followed on ways to limit the cost of meetings through sponsorship and/or savings on the food provided. It was agreed to re-examine

the options over the forthcoming year whilst bearing in mind the need for accessible venues and the interests of members travelling some distance.

John proposed the adoption of the financial statement which was seconded by Pat McGuigan and approved. John was thanked for his diligent keeping of the accounts.

## **7. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Mrs June Morrison was reappointed as Independent Examiner for the following year on the motion of Stan Flett seconded by Maggie Killin. Thanks were expressed for her work on verifying the 2008-9 accounts free of charge. Flowers had been sent to her and her message of appreciation was read out.

## **8. Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee members:**

All SATA members having been invited to make nominations, the following nominations had been received from those named together with mini-biographies for those nominated:

### **Office Bearers**

Chairperson: Stanley Flett - nominated by Maggie Killin and Paul Cross.

Vice Chairperson: Maggie Killin - nominated by Stanley Flett and Paul Cross.

Secretary: Alan Rees - nominated by Maggie Killin and Paul Cross.

Treasurer: John Ballantine - nominated by Alan Rees and Paul Cross.

### **Committee members**

Paul Cross - nominated by Katryn Cross

Douglas Gilroy - nominated by the National Federation of the Blind

John MacDonald - nominated by Alan Rees

Pat McGuigan - nominated by Alan Rees

James McKay - nominated by Douglas Gilroy

Jim Ritchie - nominated by Paul Cross and Stan Flett

Terry Robinson - nominated by Stan Flett

Liz Rowlett - nominated by Alan Rees

There being only one nomination for each office bearer, and the number of committee members nominated did not exceed the maximum of 8, the election of those named above was duly proposed by Terry Robinson, seconded by Muriel Williams and carried without dissent.

Arthur Cowie raised points about the nomination process which in his view had not produced a sufficient diversity of members standing for election. It was agreed that the new committee would look at this matter for next year.

## **9. Resolution**

Douglas Gilroy proposed the following resolution, seconded by Terry Robinson:

'SATA calls upon the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland to re-instate the Thistle Travel Card scheme and work with transport operators to implement it.'

After discussion the resolution was put to the vote on a show of hands and was carried without dissent.

**10. AOCB**

No other competent business was raised.

**11. Close**

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair and he thanked members for their support. It was followed at 2.15 pm by a regular Full Meeting of members.