



CAITHNESS TRANSPORT FORUM

NOTE OF MEETING WITH STAGECOACH HELD ON 12 JUNE 2008 IN PENTLAND HOTEL, THURSO

Present:

Ali MacDonald, Stagecoach
Donald Maclennan, Stagecoach
Veda Swanson, Stagecoach
Cllr the Lady Marion Thurso
Cllr Donnie Mackay
Anna MacConnell, Caithness Partnership
John Green, Association of Caithness Community Councils

Points Raised:

Bus Station Thurso needs to be relocated

Low floor vehicles required

Wick Town Service to include the dental centre – arrange a meeting with Highland Council Technical Services re turning points at Lochshell

3 new buses on the 958 Scrabster/Inverness route

25x Inverness to Dornoch will combine with 958 service to provide a 2 hourly service

Kirkwall to Inverness service via Gills has predominantly been used for shopping in Wick.

Dental Surgery planned at the Dunbar Hospital – need to have turning space for bus services. (Donnie and Ali will look at this when they look at Lochshell)

Route change needed for Thurso Town Service

New housing schemes – Highland Council has a lot of clout to demand infrastructure for transport in planning process.

Bus stop and timetabling at Scrabster needs reviewed

Bus shelter needed at Gills

David Summers to be asked about the bus shelter cleaning – an update

Questionnaire to be produced to consult Caithness public – postcard put on buses and distributed at the County Show and Halkirk Games, supermarkets, community councils (Doreen Turner – Wick and Donnie – Thurso)

End date 12 August

Press release for new buses launch will be done by Stagecoach – high profile, double good news story – new buses and review of service. Lauren Koblynik will be in touch with Anna.

8.35 to Canisbay from Thurso does not go to John O’Groats. To be included in the review. Local survey to be sent to Ali MacDonald

Staxigoe to be included in the review

Shuttle buses are booked for meeting the liners at Scrabster

Timetables are a Highland Council responsibility. Published 27 October and 19 May

Group to meet again at end of August when the survey is complete