

Eildon Area Partnership

Eildon Transport Discussion

Impacts

- Rural Transport – affects transport to work, education and further afield
- Borders Railway – people going to Edinburgh but less visiting Borders, Textile Heritage
- not apparent when getting off the train. Extending route needed
- Rail and transport needs to access smaller towns where there are business premises?
- Transport (for older, younger, everyone) for; doctor hospital; shopping; social events
- Public transport needs to link up villages and areas of significant deprivation
- Availability of public transport – depending where you are – limited leisure facilities – rural loneliness – stricter regulations around voluntary working – transporting and working with children and vulnerable groups
- I have a bus pass but there is no bus
- No co-ordination between buses & trains – not enough public transport – too expensive
- Local transport provision beyond scope of public transport

Solutions

- Travel – Look at Moped scheme – loan/hire scheme, electric bike scheme, align to apprenticeships/transport to work scheme
- Travel – Roads safe for cycling? Cycle paths? Make use of old branch lines?
- Transport – opportunities for people to access – provide services to people to get home after school etc.
- Central transport hub to co-ordinate transport needs (e.g. Gala Wheels)
- Reliable transport service – time & stops – operator policy
- Improve verges on cycle/walking tracks – could CPO unpaid work assist?
- Transport: bus pass – cannot get to bus; Young Scot discount on return tickets; connected transport; being able to attend after-school and evening events
- Transport: scope the issues; negotiate with providers; community bus; community car; speak to the people – don't assume
- Cycle/walking tracks off road
- Transport planning: rural accessibility, timetabling, understanding residents' needs, extension of Borders Railway etc.
- Local patient transport system- CC cover cost of Petrol. CC area and will cover neighbouring areas
- Support the railway linking to Carlisle – increasing connectivity

Rural Transport Discussion Points	Comments	Suggestions
<p>Rural bus network How could rural bus networks better meet the needs of users?</p> <p>What role could technology have in providing a better service?</p> <p>Examples of good rural networks?</p>	<p>It would be good to go back to bus timetable pre-Borders Railway as rural community has been negatively impacted by a reduced bus service.</p> <p>The lack of buses to rural areas impacts tourism and the ability of people to travel to tourist destinations</p> <p>Accurate electronic bus information is available</p> <p>Bus tracking app/tracking of buses and other services</p> <p>Not qualified to comment</p> <p>Melrose Gate last bus is at 5pm</p> <p>There are social economic issues.</p> <p>Some communities are completely cut need to prevent social isolation</p> <p>It's cheaper for a family to take a taxi than use buses</p> <p>There is no Young Scot discount on Borders Buses or Peter Hogg</p> <p>In theory you can buy a single ticket for a journey that involves more than one bus company although it is difficult in practice</p>	<p>North bound service timetable (X95) needs to be revised to meet the needs of local residents.</p> <p>Electric solar panel driven bus information complete with phone charge points.</p> <p>Post bus/River bus concept should be reintroduced if bus passes could be used.</p> <p>Better integration of services and destinations/integrate all Borders transport in an app – display boards at stops</p>

<p>Community transport Examples or ideas of flexible and innovative community transport solutions?</p> <p>Could communities play more of a role in providing transport solutions / opportunities?</p> <p>Are there other transport schemes we could learn from?</p>	<p>It would be good to have a bus to transport visitors at the weekends to tourist destinations</p> <p>Stow volunteer drive scheme – good practice</p> <p>Post buses were a good idea – maybe bring them back</p> <p>Electric buses – subject to costs (environmental benefit)</p> <p>South Ayrshire, Pembrokeshire and Western Isles – example of community solutions</p> <p>E-bike/bicycle hubs (e.g. Mid Lothian)</p> <p>Funding is too restrictive</p> <p>More flexibility needed in community transport</p> <p>Borders College/SBC minibuses sit unused during the day.</p>	<p>Residents should be involved in review, to give their local knowledge, when services are being changed.</p> <p>How well are tourist destinations serviced by transport?</p>
<p>Other transport solutions What role could the new SBC E-Car club scheme & other car club schemes, and South of Scotland Economic Partnership, play in improving transport opportunities in the area?</p>	<p>Better signposting of car parks and places where buses and cars can park.</p> <p>What are these? We have no information.</p>	<p>E-car in every village community with range of sizes available e.g. 7/9 seater option.</p> <p>SBC E-cars are not available when people need them (during the day on weekdays).</p> <p>Need transport on key routes – connect the high schools</p>