Cheviot Locality – Community Transport: Solutions and Actions

Suggestions made:

- Electric solar information panels at key locations
- Border Integrated Transport App
- Expand volunteer driver schemes + social car share schemes
- E-bikes scheme (Energy Trust)
- SBC e-car scheme

- Extended Rail Connections/Accessibility
- Maximise the use of Borders College /SBC /NHS/Post Office/Third Sector minibuses
- Remove need for travel extended outreach, use of skype for appointments, telecare
- Demand Responsive Transport i.e. community taxi, uber type scheme

Locality suggested transport solutions	Would this work in your community?	Who would take this forward – we need key champions/organisations	What support would be needed (financial, time, resources etc), and what would this look like?
Exploit tourism routes – 51/52 SBC		The bus companies would be key organisations in taking this forward.	Marketing Express service – quicker journeys
Replace routes with Demand Responsive Transport		SBC Passenger Transport	Extensive marketing of DRT
Extend Service 20 to Hospital or provide enhanced Community Transport (CT)		SBC Passenger Transport CT/Bridge	Cultural change – IJB issue needs commitment of NHS to geographical scheduling so routes can be cost effective and sustainable
Increase communication between bus drivers (missing connection)		SBC Passenger Services	Is there somewhere to report missed connections, how do we know when/where this is a problem?
Greater promotion of travel-line		SBC	Provision of Timetable books for those digitally excluded – greater awareness of where these are accessible from
E-Car		SBC	Greater flexibility for 1way travel

Providing Bus Service from Main Towns to Council Headquarters but ability for non staff to use. Service commuter from Jed – train Tweedbank extending train		SBC Passenger Transport/HR	Bus pass?
Work with local communities to identify who uses buses and work with them to identify solutions that suit the community inc. reducing services e.g. change from daily to twice a week.		Community/SBC	Public transport knowledge
Need to get timetables out /publicise bus services Electronic bus signs at all bus			
stops. Change/merge services			
Can smaller buses be used on some routes?		Transport Providers / SBC in consultation with the community	
Demand responsive transport taxis to serve smaller outlying communities Taxi card for youths (Subsidised travel)	Would require further analysis on demand	Community Councils were mentioned but noted that often they were busy thing in their own space rather than travelling. Town event committees might support this	SBC support would be helpful e.g. booking of Demand Responsive Transport – need to be publicised

E-Cars in smaller villages		Possibly a bookable car in each village – would need
		an app/easy booking (We don't know what the cars
		are located)
Approach local bus operators	Perhaps try anticipate demand and book	
	a bus e.g. for a popular event	
Use of school buses to get people	We could have scheme which takes	
to main routes – can we get on	people from outlying areas to bus stop in	
school buses?	Ancrum to catch usual bus	
UBER type scheme	Taxi style approached, unlicensed but approved. Access via smart phone technology/apps.	
	Drivers Screened – criminal checks	
	Safety Features built-in, tracking customer reviews, driver profiles	
	Vehicle safety inspections	
Bo'ness and Area Community Bus		
Association – reintroduction of	Recruited an Operations Consultant	
bus links between Bo'ness and	Recruited an Administration Assistant	
Edinburgh	Delivered 10235 passenger journeys since February 2018	
	Make 58 journeys a week to and from Edinburgh	
	Covered over 120,000 miles	

Killin & District Volunteer Car Scheme	Volunteer based scheme that aim to assist people in our district who have real problems in accessing transport or coping with the long journeys. The service is provided by volunteer drivers who use their cars to provide transport to people who struggle to access other forms of transport, due to a variety of reasons and where there is a need to access services that are essential and/or in the interest of their general wellbeing	
	Journeys are subsidised – 45p per mile for drivers and 20p per mile for a passenger	
	• The driver's expenses cover fuel, maintenance and depreciation of their vehicle so that they are not out-of-pocket.	
Badenoch & Strathspey	 Community Transport model operating a set bus route, although providing door to door service 	
	Operates 5 days per week, 9.30-4.30pm	
	Must be booked in advance	
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NEED Ltd (Alnwick)	Largely self-financing model	
	Range of services – car scheme / dial-a-ride / family vehicle / group transport	
	Contracts for Council and NHS	
	Entrepreneurial	
Chariotts (Wrexham)	Branded fleet of accessible vehicles	
	Paid co-ordinator but all volunteer drivers	
	In 2015 provided 12,645 trips, of which 6,642 were for wheelchair users	
Transport Access People	Volunteer car scheme for non-emergency healthcare appointments	
(Cornwall)	Journeys to and from the Hospitals in Truro and Plymouth	
	Door to door transport for people who find difficulty accessing transport	