

Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on Friday 20th April 2012

At 10.30am at NTA Offices

Present: Mr John Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Mr Gerry Murphy (CEO), Mr Hugh Creegan (Director of Transport Planning and Investment), Mr Frank King, Ms Valerie O'Reilly, , Mr Damian Usher, Dr Berna Grist, Mr John Tierney (Dublin City Manager), Ms Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Ms Linda Saunders.

Apologies: Mr Daithí Alcorn, Mr James Deegan.

Staff in attendance: Mr Philip L'Estrange (Agenda Item 3), Ms Anne Graham (Agenda Items 4, 5) and Mr Simon Conry (Minutes).

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1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2012 were agreed.

2. CEO Report

The Chief Executive briefed the Board on his recent meeting with Minister Varadkar. Their discussions included possible options for the Dublin bus market.

The Department requested that the Authority alter the payment schedule for the public service obligation subsidy. The Chief Executive informed the Board that he agreed to the Department's request and the Board will be kept apprised of any further developments relating to this matter.

The first meeting of the new national integrated group on Rural Transport was held on the 4th April and attended by Minister Kelly. A membership list of the group was circulated.

The second round of capital investment transport allocations in the Greater Dublin Area has now taken place. Details of the allocations to various County Councils were circulated.

A meeting with Minister Varadkar on land use planning and transportation was postponed. Work has commenced on the development of guidelines to facilitate incremental density development. It is expected that this work will take approximately 4 months and many parties have expressed an interest in the guidelines.

During a discussion that followed it was agreed that the Board should be provided with information on the Quarterly Monitoring of PSO services.

3. Finance update

The Director of Finance and Corporate Affairs presented the draft unaudited Financial Statements for 2011 and these were agreed by the Board for auditing.

The Comptroller and Auditor General has started examining the 2011 Financial Statements in recent days.

The Board agreed to the removal of Regina Gannon from the Authority's bank mandates following her departure from the organisation.

4. Public transport marketing

Ms Graham gave a presentation which set out a new marketing strategy to grow the use of public transport across Ireland on foot of the new initiatives in RTPI, Leap card and National Journey Planner. Ms Graham outlined the indicative timeline for the strategy and shared some sample campaign advertisements.

The Board welcomed the marketing strategy and discussed possible approaches for the campaign roll out and made suggestions on advertising images.

5. Bus licensing and Bus Éireann Expressway

The Chief Executive and Ms Graham gave a presentation on commercial bus licensing, developments in the commercial sector, Bus Éireann Expressway services and the possible rationalisation of Expressway services. The long term implication for public service obligation bus services in light of the rationalisation of the Expressway network was also highlighted. The Board discussed issues raised by the presentation.

6. Regional Traffic Grants

Mr Creegan gave a presentation on traffic grants in the regional cities. Mr Creegan explained that outside of the Greater Dublin Area the Authority acts as an agent for the Department as the current legislation limits the Authority's capital investment responsibilities to the Greater Dublin Area. The Board discussed the work completed and proposed under the grants scheme.

7. Any other business

Confidential Item

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Next Meeting: Friday 18th May 2012 @ 10.30am at NTA Offices.

Signed: _____
John Fitzgerald, Chairperson

Dated: _____