

Tactran FQP Steering Group

Notes of Meeting held at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Perth on Wednesday 27 October 2010

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| Present: | Eric Guthrie (EG) | Tactran (Chair) |
| | Michael Cairns (MC) | Tactran |
| | David Eaglesham (DE) | Road Haulage Association |
| | Peter Noad (PN) | Scottish Enterprise |
| | Emily Maclean (RS) | Stirling & Tayside Timber Transport Group |
| | Tom Brydone (TB) | Perth & Kinross Council |
| | Jonathan Padmore (JPM) | Stirling Council |
| | John Paterson (JP) | Montrose Port Authority |
| | Margaret Horn (MH) | Transport Scotland |
| | Chris Paterson (CP) | MVA |
| Gavin Roser (GR) | Tactran Board Member | |

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| Apologies: | Phil Flanders | Road Haulage Association |
| | Chris MacRae | Freight Transport Association |
| | Roland Stiven | CONFOR |
| | Daniel Muir | Highland Spring |
| | Matt North | Forth Ports |
| | Neil Prentice | Angus Council |

1. Notes of previous meeting – 4 May 2010

Notes were agreed. No Matters Arising

2. Tactran Lorry Routing Study

CP gave a presentation on the background to the Study and the findings so far. The PowerPoint presentation is attached and the full study has subsequently been circulated to all Steering Group members.

GR commented on the importance of considering the pattern of distribution – where HGVs pass along a route at particular times together with seasonality of movements.

DE expressed the need to ensure good access to Dundee Port for renewables components.

TB considered it would be useful for linking in to air quality in urban areas and the Consolidation Centre Study.

ACTION MC to circulate full Study on completion and to seek comments on issues emerging from the Study that justify more detailed consideration.

3. Scottish Multi-modal Freight Locations Study

MH stated that the Study had produced a research document and was not being taken any further. She commented that it was over to industry to develop proposals, etc. She did not consider that the exclusion of any potential scheme from consideration in the Study precluded its further development and implementation.

MC commented that Scott Wilson, who had produced the Study, had developed the Freight Model used in the Study further and were now offering its use to develop schemes and policies

at a regional and more local level. It was agreed to keep abreast of developments though at this stage none of the Group could identify any immediate use for the Model.

4. Initiatives Update

(i) Freight Consolidation Centre

MC gave an update on the Consolidation Centre Study. The consultants were involved in raising awareness of the concept in Perth, defining a Consolidation Centre structure and Key Performance Indicators, considering complementary measures, developing a charging structure and identifying funding opportunities.

(ii) Dundee Port Railhead

PN noted that an application for ERDF funding had been unsuccessful.

(iii) Montrose Port Masterplan

JP gave an update on the Study. EG commented that a briefing meeting was planned for Angus Councillors in November. The consultants were to undertake further discussions with land owners and identify opportunities to promote Montrose as a key O&M location serving the renewables market.

JP commented that the development of biomass power generation was likely to result in the loss of port business

(iv) Crianlarich Timber Railhead

MC indicated that a meeting held on 12 May comprising forestry, transport and Scottish Government interests had indicated some interest to reinvigorate the Crianlarich Lower timber railhead proposals. A-Rail Consultancy is undertaking further work to identify potential users of a timber terminal.

(v) Highland Spring rail connection

DE indicated that he believed the proposals were dormant due to Highland Spring review of logistics following a company takeover and difficulties with ground conditions at the proposed site.

5. AOB

None

6. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be organised for early spring. GR considered that value could be added through meeting at relevant locations such as Montrose Port to gain a better understanding of freight issues. JP commented that a meeting at Montrose would be better scheduled for the autumn rather than spring 2011.

ACTION Tactran to circulate with possible dates for the next meeting and to seek views on a suitable location.