**Meeting Feedback Form for Borders Community Action Representatives**

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| **Strategic meeting: Regional Economic Partnership SAGT – Strategic Group for Transport** | |
| **Date of meeting:**  03 February 2025 | **Attended by:**  Juliana Amaral  John Evans |
| **Relevant agenda items:**   * Actions from the previous meeting * Planning for next COSS meeting * AOCB | |
| **Specific points of interest:**    Updates were shared with partners on key actions agreed at the previous meeting:  • JA to follow up with JC after meeting with ED on community transport in the Borders – update was provided at the meeting and data on CT was shared to support case for the COSS (Converntion of the South of Scotland).  • Partners provided a summary of their key transport priorities to be collated.  • John Currie shared an update regarding the meeting with the Town Centre Action plan looking at transport solutions. A workshop is being planned for March in conjunction with Scotland’s Town Partnership looking at the role of transport in community connectivity.  • Juliana and Ross Sharp-Dent provided an update on the meeting held with Community Transport Association exploring the role of community transport in rural communities, working alongside private transport providers and local authorities. The group also agreed to explore the model held in Dumfries and Galloway for the partnership approach and fund distribution.  • Keith updated on the possibility of bringing a Master’s degree student to develop a research looking into transport accessibility.  • The group deliberated on paper/ presentation to COSS in March, John Currie asked partners to provide feedback once paper is circulated. Workforce mobility data to be used to inform policy as part of a targeted approach to enable investment in rural communities. Issues around funding flexibility and shortage of drivers combined with the housing crisis in the south of Scotland.  AOB  • Graham Johnstone raised the 10 year Borders rail celebration in September – the group is to agree focus and a joint plan for the event which may have First Minister or DFM attending. | |
| **Actions from this meeting:**  Juliana and Ross Sharp-Dent to progress plans for a visit to Dumfries and Galloway with a view to look at partnership model | |
| **Distribution list for information:**   Staff and third sector | |