

Minutes of LARG Meeting Wed 18th Feb 2015

Present: Seamus, Victor, Peter, Brian, Graham, Marina, Patricia & Catherine

Apologies: Sharon

Minutes of previous minutes read

Overview of Bus Journey

Brian, Peter & Catherine went on a bus journey from Carland Rd into Square and returned to Carland road.

Journey was very comfortable and return fare was £2.60/person. Bus driver was very helpful and when Brian embarked the driver came out and opened up the ramp to allow Peter to come onto the bus. There aren't any clamps when travelling on Ulsterbus but wheelchair user is advised to reverse into the free wheelchair accessible position and put brakes on.

One of the issues for someone in a larger wheelchair would be the width of the footpath to allow the wheelchair user enough space to come straight onto the ramp.

Catherine to follow up with Michael Lorimer re why wheelchair users are not clamped on an Ulsterbus but they have to be clamped in a minibus.

Public Realm Scheme - Phase 2 Consultation

Victor & Catherine took a tour of Dungannon Phase 1 work with Victor using the Shopmobility Scooter.

Observations – we had thought that improvements would have been made on the dropped kerbs on Irish Street but found when we travelled the route that these

Completed the consultation questionnaire and agreed to follow up with Declan Ferran on the accessibility of the crossings for Visually Impaired users.

Advocacy Training

Agreed that Advocacy Sub Group Peter, Marina, Seamus and Brian would meet to prepare presentation for Board of Willowbank re setting up an Peer Advocacy group. Meeting set for 11am Wednesday 25th February

Peter requested that he borrow the DVDs for the Civic forum group to view

SDS Consultation is available and Edel, Seamus & Peter agreed they would like to respond to this.

Next meeting Wednesday 11th March at 1.30pm

