

Cllr Kim Ashton
28 Glenhoy Road
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28th September 2017,

Dear Cllr Ashton,

Thank you for your letter dated 3rd August 2017 re changes to minibus licensing arrangements and their impact on the wider community. This was discussed by the NILGA Executive on the 8th September 2017 details. I have enclosed a draft of the minutes of the September Executive meeting held in The Hilton, Templepatrick.

Derek McCallan drew together the debate as follows:

“That NILGA’s Executive, in Open Council session, confirms support for the correspondence received from Mid Ulster District Council’s Chair dated 3rd August 2017, in relation to Rural Community Transport Partnerships. In so doing NILGA will write to the Department for Infrastructure’s Permanent Secretary, in order to:

- (i) Reaffirm the council’s request to meet with the Department’s most senior official in the absence of a presiding Minister;
- (ii) Requests written assurances that formal bids for investment funding are being made through in-year mechanisms and other appropriate channels to cancel or at least defer any proposed cuts, as this matter affects all council areas;

Requests that timetabling, dial a lift and licensing matters as referred to in the council’s letter are reconsidered taking cognisance of practical, operational, health and safety issues raised by councils and constituents together with consistency of application across NI.

I trust that the above is satisfactory

Yours sincerely



Derek McCallan
Chief Executive

Appendix 2: Correspondence from Translink

From: Lisa Ross [<mailto:Lisa.Ross@Translink.co.uk>]
Sent: 17 October 2017 09:56
To: Eileen Forde <Eileen.Forde@midulstercouncil.org>
Cc: Phillip Woods <Phillip.Woods@Translink.co.uk>
Subject: Correspondence re. Cookstown Bus Station

Dear Eileen,

Thank you for Councillor Ashton's letter of 5 October 2017 addressed to Chris Conway in relation to concerns regarding opening hours at Cookstown Bus Station.

I would confirm that in the first instance Chris has asked our Northern Area Manager, Phillip Woods, to meet with Councillor Ashton and fellow Councillors at our Public Consultation event in Cookstown on Saturday, 4 November 2017.

I trust that Councillor Ashton will find this suitable, however, if there are any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Chris again.

Regards
Lisa

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