

Five things you need to know today

Murrayfield Community Council meeting

The next Murrayfield Community Council meeting will be held on 25 June. The minutes of last month's meeting are embedded below.

Cllr Euan Davidson was the only councillor present and he is noted as having correctly advised that any extension to the tram will be subject to funding from The Scottish Government. Cllr Davidson advised the meeting that the government had just turned down an application from the council for £44 million to fund a feasibility study into the next part of the tramline. It has been confirmed to The Edinburgh Reporter that this vast sum is indeed only for the study.

According to the Local Democracy Reporting Service, the Transport Secretary Fiona Hyslop wrote to The City of Edinburgh Council that the "business case for the tram extension to Granton is not affordable nor in line with the recent recommendations of the Tram Enquiry". This, notwithstanding that tram was included as a recommendation in STPR2 which is a document produced for Transport Scotland and The Scottish Government by transport specialists Jacobs and Aecom.

In that document the recommendation for mass public transport is: "STPR2 recommends that Transport Scotland works with regional partners to develop and enhance the cross-boundary public transport system for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland region, potentially comprising tram and bus-based

transit modes including bus rapid transit (BRT) and bus priority measures. This would complement and integrate with the region's current bus, tram and heavy rail networks, to provide improved connectivity between Edinburgh and the surrounding communities in the region, as well as more direct connections between communities outside Edinburgh.”



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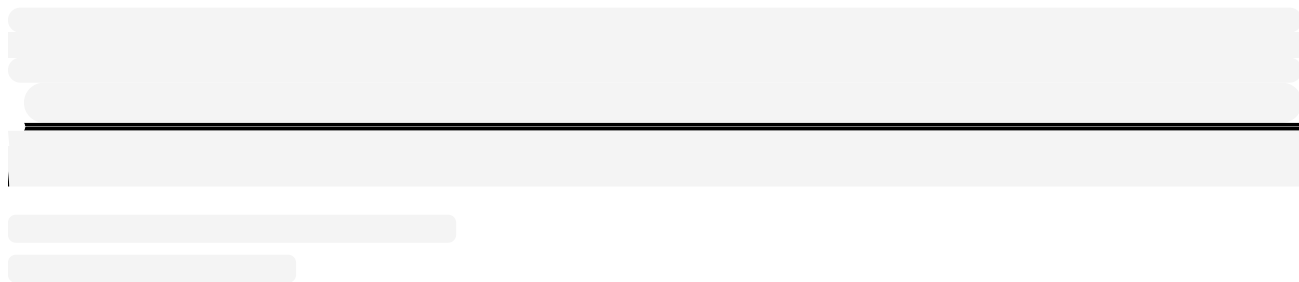
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Trams are 10

By **PHYLIS STEPHEN**

IT IS NOW TEN YEARS since Edinburgh Trams began running the passenger service

from Edinburgh Airport to York Place. Actually on the first day the service began at the Gyle Stop with many people trying to be the first passengers to get on board.

Edinburgh Trams have now carried more than 60 million passengers in the last decade on a fleet of 27 trams and employ around 300 people in Edinburgh. Except during Covid

tram income has risen year on year. In 2014 the half year income was £4.782 million and this rose to £23.9 million in 2023.

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