

ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting
held on
Monday 12th November 2012
at 7.30pm
in
Brodict Castle

Present: Ken Thorburn (National Trust) (Chair) Colin McCort (CalMac)
Cllr. John Bruce (NAC) Iain Thompson (Construction)
Jim Henderson (Community Council) Liz Robertson (NFU)
Alastair Dobson (Taste of Arran)
Russell Duncan (Independent Traveller)

In Attendance:

Kenneth Gibson (MSP), Jim Nichols (Secretary),
Judith Ainslie (Transport Scotland), Guy Platten (CMAL),
Ramsay Muirhead (CMAL), John Salton (CMAL),
Bill Calderwood (Community Council), Hazel Gardiner (public),
Lorna Spencer (CMAL)

1. Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Apologies were received from Guy Bodie (Stagecoach), Jim Lees (ACVS), Robert Waine (Visit Arran), Robbie Brown (CalMac), Sharon Ashmead (CalMac)

2. Minute of Previous Meeting:

Approval of the previous meeting's minute will be deferred until the next meeting on Monday 10th December.

This meeting is devoted to the planned new port infrastructure at Brodict and associated vessel replacement. The normal business of the Ferry Committee is deferred until the next meeting on Monday 10th December.

CMAL Presentation (Caledonian Marine Assets Limited)

The CMAL representatives gave a full and detailed presentation supported by PowerPoint slides. It was agreed that copies of slides be made available to the Ferry Committee and these will be circulated on receipt, hence the detail of these slides will not be repeated in these minutes.

The presentation covered a number of areas including:

- Background to CMAL
- Plans for new Brodict Harbour infrastructure
- Possible ship design
- Timescales

With regard to timescales it was noted that construction is due for completion by December 2015.

Plans for Public Consultation were outlined including a Public Consultation event to be held on Monday 3rd December.

Questions arising:

Alistair Dobson spoke of the need to consider passenger access at Ardrossan. CMAL are making efforts to talk to Clydeport to maintain the existing access. CMAL outlined plans relating to maintenance at Ardrossan.

There would not necessarily be a requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment.

With regard to outstanding work to be completed at Lochranza, CMAL reported that, subject to funding, work is to be completed in the next financial year.

Ken Thorburn queried the time to build new vessels. CMAL expect this to be 4 years from the time of ordering.

Judith Ainslie advised that RET is still due to be implemented in 2014 and Transport Scotland would seek to deliver new measures in the short term without new vessels in place. The Scottish Government's analysts expect a 24% rise in traffic with the implementation of RET. Judith Ainslie agreed to return in January following the publication of the Ferry Plan.

Judith also mentioned the commitment of CMAL to provide disabled access in their facilities.

The next stage of consultation will commence with the Public Meeting on 3rd December.

3. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of Isle of Arran Ferry Committee will take place on **Monday 10th December 2012 at 7.30pm in Brodick Castle.**

4. Close: As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at .

Signed:

Dated: