

ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting
held on
Monday 25th March 2013
at 2pm
at
The Douglas Hotel

Present:

Ken Thorburn (Chair)	Cllr. John Bruce (NAC)
Jim Lees (ACVS)	Alistair Dobson
Iain Thomson (Construction/Haulage)	Colin McCort (CalMac)
Jim Henderson (Community Council)	Robbie Brown (CalMac)

In Attendance: Judith Ainsley (Transport Scotland)
Eric Smith (Calmac) Bill Main (Consultant)
Donald Bannatyne (Arran Haulage) Elaine Parker (Minutes)

1. Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
Apologies were received from Russell Duncan.

2. Campbeltown Ferry Timetable:

Judith introduced Eric Smith and Bill Main to the Committee and explained that we would be discussing two possible timetable options. She then handed over to Bill to explain the timetable in more detail.

Bill explained to the group that the timetable was constructed around the Isle of Arran making 3 round trips to Campbeltown a week, with it being primarily based at Ardrossan. A sample timetable was handed out for discussion.

The issue was raised of the possibility that the public consultation research had been misinterpreted, and that a 10pm sailing from Ardrossan would be far more beneficial than a 10pm sailing from Brodick. Judith confirmed that this will be looked into.

The general feeling expressed by the committee was that it would be more beneficial to have the timetable aimed towards the extra 7am sailings instead of the late night sailings. It was also discussed that it would be preferable if the Isle of Arran could make the 7am sailing from Brodick to minimise disruption, and therefore confusion, to the Caledonian Isles timetable. Bill explained that the Campbeltown timetable would need to be altered to allow this, but he would look into ways to achieve this.

Donald Bannatyne also enquired as to the possibility of having an 8.20am sailing from Brodick on a Sunday. Alistair agreed that having the same service every day of the week would be best. Bill explained that this could be a possibility if we omitted the 10pm sailing out of Brodick. He also explained that consideration needed to be given to the restrictions that limit the number of hours that can be worked by crew members in a day, including the mandatory 2 hrs of drills that the crews have to undertake each day.

After consultation with Bill and Eric, Judith asked if they could take away all the points made and try to reschedule the timetable.

They will look into rescheduling the timetable to try to provide the following services:

- 7am Sailing from Brodick (Isle of Arran)
- 8.20am Sailing from Brodick on Sundays (Caledonian Isles)
- 10pm sailing **from** Ardrossan

7. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place on the **8th of April 2013**, at **7.30pm** at **Brodick Castle**.

9. Any Other Business:

Eric Smith said that he would endeavour to get a simplified layout of the timetable. It was agreed that the ACVS would distribute this to the committee when it was available.

10. Close:

As there was no further business to discuss; the Chair thanked all for attending.

Signed:

Dated: