

ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting

Held on

Monday 19th May 2014

At 7.30pm in the

Mountain Rescue Centre

Present:

Robert Waine (Chair)
Simon Richmond (CalMac)
Kenneth Gibson (MSP)
Sheila Gilmore (VisitArran)

Liz Robertson (NFU)
Jim Henderson (Community Council)
Jim Lees (Arran CVS/Elderly Forum)
Iain Thomson (Construction/Haulage)

1.

Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting, thanked all for attending. Apologies were received from Cllr John Bruce, Alastair Dobson, David Cameron and Colin McCourt.

There was discussion over inviting CMal, CalMac, and Transport Scotland to a meeting to discuss vessel replacement plans, in the hope of getting some definite answers.

KG expressed the need for Clydeport to attend.

2.

Minute of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record, subject to amendments.

Proposed: Jim Henderson

Seconded: Sheila Gilmore

3.

Matters Arising

There was discussion over invites to future meetings for Transport Scotland, CMal etc.

RH will attend the next meeting.

Harbour Revision Order closes on Friday the 23rd.

The barge was removed due to a random technical fault.

There was disappointment expressed at the delay of the barge.

Committee will email Transport Scotland showing full support of the project.

Lochranza sea wall replacement to start in 2 weeks.

JL explained that a letter had been sent from the elderly forum to

4.

Finance

Invoices will be sent out for membership renewal.

There was discussion over seeking new members.

5.

Correspondence

SG queried CalMac's policy on passengers that were booked on a cancelled sailing, having priority on next sailing and expressed that this needs to be made clearer to the public.

6.

Port Managers Report

SR explained that signs are going up on the disabled parking.

SG queried the possibility of moving the mini buses to the bus stances to reduce congestion.

There was discussion on CalMac staff parking.

SR explained that there have been problems on the 10pm sailing on a Saturday due to a failure in the Linkspan in the Irish Berth. Linkspan is now in repair.

SG pointed out that there was no sign placed in the pier office to inform the passengers.

SR explained that the fenders have been removed and there have been improvements to the lights at both piers. There will be construction on the hut at the pier to enable use of the Isle of Arran vessel in all tides. There will be a 40 minute delay on the 7.20pm sailing on the 5th of July, sailing at 8pm instead.

7. Date of Next Meeting

There will be an AGM held on June the 23rd at 7pm in the Mountain Rescue Centre, Brodick.
The next general meeting will be held on June the 23rd at 7.30pm.

8. Any Other Business

IT pointed out the large number of Lorries on sailings during March of the last 2 years due to major road works. If this is going to happen in the future, having an extra sailing for the Lorries will help.

9. Close

With no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed:

Dated: