

ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting

Held on

Monday 21st June 2014

At 7.30pm in the

Mountain Rescue Centre

Present:

Robert Waine (Chair)

Simon Richmond (CalMac)

Kenneth Gibson (MSP)

Sheila Gilmore (VisitArran)

David Cameron (NTS)

Alistair Dobson (Taste of Arran)

Liz Robertson (NFU)

Jim Henderson (Community Council)

Jim Lees (Arran CVS/Elderly Forum)

Iain Thomson (Construction/Haulage)

Colin McCort (CalMac)

Guy Bodie (Stagecoach)

1.

Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting, thanked all for attending.

Apologies were received from Simon Richmond and Cllr John Bruce.

2.

Minute of Previous Meeting

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

Proposed: Jim Henderson

Seconded: Iain Thomson

3.

Matters Arising

The letter from Graham Laidlaw was discussed.

KG stated that the Ferry Review has gone through parliament. Decision is as was taken on 12/05/2014. The Ferry Committee restated the status quo from that meeting.

RW stated that FC had said when RET comes in, we would review at that time. KG explained that anything that undermines RET the Ferry Committee should oppose. There should not be a situation where people are charged extra for particular sailings.

JL pointed out that in the letter there is an implied threat that there will not be a second ferry. KG stated that this was a done deal as agreed on 12th of May, and his expectation was that the second ferry would be unaffected. The committee agreed that a letter will go from RW to Graham Laidlaw stating what was agreed on the 12th of May.

KG explained that the review of Campbelltown will be after 3 years running (2016).

4.

Finance

None

5.

Correspondence

None

6.

Port Managers Report

CMcC explained that he and a colleague from Kennacraig won Scottish Transport awards for services during the bad weather last year. CalMac also won the 'most innovative' award for Hybrid Ferries.

The planned groundwork's for Brodick Pier are going to tender soon.

The Harbour Revision Order has closed, the design process continues.

Traffic Management at the pier is currently being reviewed.

The disruptions procedure continues to be reviewed.

The Isle of Arran was taken to Kennacraig on the Bank Holiday weekend, 2 members from Gourrock worked at Brodick to cover additional calls etc. This worked well.

Community email only had 3 responses therefor – not implemented.

RW has been a dramatic improvement.

SG raised the issue of bikes coming off the ferry. CM stated that last week 240 bikes came off the ferry and that he has spoken to Sgt Dodds about this.

AD queried whether there will be consultation on the new ticketing system. CMcC explained that he was unsure if there will be consultations taking place or not.

SG queried why hauliers are not included in RET.

IT explained the basis of current charging policy relating to volume discounts.

KG agreed to make further enquiries.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be the 14th of July in the Arran Mountain Rescue Centre. Transport Scotland will be invited to this meeting.

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Close

With no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed:

Dated: