

ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting

Held on

Monday 9th February 2015

At 7.30pm in the

Arran Mountain Rescue Centre

Present: Robert Waine (Chair)
Iain Thomson (Construction / Haulage) Liz Robertson (NFU)
Jim Henderson (Community Council) Cllr John Bruce (NAC)
Jim Lees (ACVS/Eld Forum) Sheila Gilmore (VisitArran)
Guy Bodie (Stagecoach)

Also Present: Bobbi Adamson (Minutes)

1. Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked all for attending. Apologies were received from Simon Richmond, Colin McCort, David Cameron, Alistair Dobson and Kenneth Gibson.

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

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

Proposed: Iain Thomson

Seconded: Liz Robertson

3. Matters Arising

KG is still pushing to facilitate having the second boats service time extended. An issue is that other vessels can be route specific and may not be able to serve the Ardrossan-Brodick route. The schedule of refits was discussed. KG will continue to pursue as able.

RW has emailed Transport Scotland regarding the concerns raised over Gourock as Ardrossan's Port of Refuge, still awaiting response.

JB explained that these matters were discussed at a 'Harbour Revision' meeting and it was explained, by Martin Dorchester, that Troon and Fairlie are being considered as Ports of Refuge. RW suggesting inviting Martin Dorchester to a future meeting. It was expressed and agreed, by the committee, that the issues regarding the port of refuge needs addressed and Martin Dorchester will be invited to a future meeting.

RW met with members of the Arran Community Council. RW understood from the meeting that Transport Scotland indicated they require 'one voice' regarding each issue. The Ferry Committee will continue to take forward Island ferry related issues, any ferry related issues raised at Community Council meetings will be brought forward to the Ferry Committee by the Community Council representative, Jim Henderson. The Community Council will take forward any other Island matters for Transport Scotland.

The concerns regarding the election of the position of 'Independent Traveller' were discussed.

The constitution was discussed. JH had several suggestions to make things clearer, these will be emailed out to the committee.

The Arran Community Council's action plan issues relating to the Ferry Committee will be raised at the Ferry Committee meetings, and then placed on the Ferry Committee's action plan if necessary.

4. Finance

None.

5. Port Managers Report

None.

6. Correspondence

RW received and email from Bill Calderwood regarding potential capacity issues this week, this was forwarded onto Bill Main.

The committee then discussed the demand management issues that had been raised at the demand management meeting. Potential capacity issues were discussed. Demand management will be discussed with Bill Main and raised at the next meeting.

Sheila Gilmore raised several points;

- The online service status was displaying normal service when the service was disrupted. The committee expressed disappointment at a lack of communication from CalMac in certain circumstances.
- There was a suggestion raised, by a local business, to install a webcam at Ardrossan to enable customers to view the weather conditions at Ardrossan for themselves.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on the 9th of March at 7.30pm at the Arran Mountain Rescue Centre.

9. Any Other Business

JL explained that BA (minute's secretary) of ACVS will be going on leave in March and will be unable to take minutes. JH suggested taking the minutes during her absence. This was agreed by the committee.

With no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed:

Dated: