

# ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting

Held on

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

At 7.30p.m. In the

Arran Mountain Rescue Centre.

Present: Robert Waine (Chair) Liz Robertson (NFU)  
Iain Thomson (Haulage) Jim Lees (ACVS)  
Jim Henderson (ACC) Colin McCort (Cal Mac)  
Alistair Dobson (Business) John Bruce (NAC)  
Sheila Gilmore (Tourism) David Cameron (NTS)  
Guy Bodie (Public Transport) Simon Richmond (Cal Mac)

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 The chair welcomed all to the first meeting following the AGM. Apologies were received from Kenneth Gibson.

## 2. Election of Chair.

- 2.1 In accordance with the constitution the chair is elected at the first meeting, following the AGM, however, Robert Waine informed the committee that he would not be standing and would be resigning the position as the Independent Traveller.

Following further discussion it was agreed that Robert would remain in position until the next meeting in August, when he would retire from the FC.

## 3. Minute of the Previous Meeting.

- 3.1 The minute of the previous meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May was approved by I.Thomson and seconded by S.Gilmore.

## 4. Matters arising from the Minute of Previous Meeting

- 4.1 Regarding the ACVS position, J.Lees confirmed that the ACVS minute secretary would not be returning in December and that ACVS had no resources to continue to provide this service. Committee considered the option to advertise for someone with admin experience which will be raised at the next meeting.

- 4.2 Cheryl Murie has been moved to a different department within T Scotland and Brian Gordon is taking over her role. Ideally there should be one point of contact with all parties involving the ferries, including Cal Mac and CMAL. The chair addressed the long-term situation with Ardrossan and Port of Refuge, which has led to much frustration. Definitive answers are required to the FC questions to address the main topics and an understanding with Brian Gordon to facilitate a meeting with the FC.

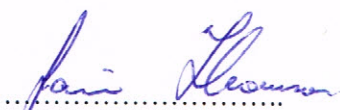
## 5. Matters arising from the AGM.

- 5.1 The chair addressed the matters raised by the AGM attendees. Committee structure, transparency, accountability and representation. Debate covered the suggestion to have a representation from the NHS and the chair agreed to consult with A. Stout. It was also confirmed that SG and C. McC attended the patient representation group.

- 5.2 IT referred to correspondence from Sally Campbell following the AGM, which had been distributed to all on the committee, and the content was noted.

6. **Early Sunday Sailings-Winter Service.**
- 6.1 SR stated that it was now too late to alter the winter timetable for 2015/2016 but it could be considered for 2016/2017. Adjustment to the timetable would require to accommodate the weekly drills and justification for an 0820 sailing on Sunday would need to be demonstrated to Transport Scotland.
7. **Working Group Report. Booking and Capacity solutions.**
- 7.1 A.Dobson reported on the exchange of emails by the group, which he compiled into a draft document, and passed to Cal Mac to give them the opportunity to respond and make comment to achieve better solutions to the items identified. This included capacity booking and the occasions of full ferries being notified when actually there was spare capacity. Cathy Craig, Commercial Director, had been questioned on this and acknowledged that she was aware of the computer system problem
8. **Finance.**
- 8.1 S.G. reported on the current bank balance £194.90, which was better than expected and partly due to JH acting as the minute secretary.
9. **Correspondence.**
- 9.1 Correspondence had been received asking why Bute had a passenger service during the strike when Arran did not. SR explained that the vessel which served Bute during the strike did not have a certificate to operate South of Garroch Head.
- 9.2 ACC presented a note of questions raised at last week's meeting, most of which had been dealt with in general business.
- 9.3 SG read a response from Douglas Ellis of Transport Scotland following the meeting held with C.Murie on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, which contained nothing new.
10. **Port manager's report-** No report presented.
11. **Date of the next meeting-** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30p.m at Arran Mountain Rescue centre
12. **Close**  
There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.30pm

Signed .....

  
Iain Thomson  
Vice Chairman