

Isle of Arran Ferry Committee

Minute of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2012 at 7.00pm in Brodick Castle Tearoom

Present: Ken Thorburn (National Trust) (Chair), Jim Lees (Arran CVS)
Alastair Dobson (Taste of Arran) Robert Waine (Visit Arran)
Russell Duncan Liz Robertson (NFU)

In Attendance: Robbie Brown (Regional Manager, CalMac) and
Colin McCort (Port Manager, CalMac) and Jim Nichols (Secretary).

2 members of the public also attended.

1. Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting and extended a warm
welcome to all present.

Apologies were received from Guy Bodie (Stagecoach Western), Willie
Kelso (Community Council), Kenneth Gibson (MSP), Sandra Sturgeon
(Port Manager, CalMac),

2. Minute of AGM Held on 7th June 2010:

The Minute of the previous AGM held on Monday 13th June 2011
was adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Robert Waine Seconded: Liz Robertson

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the previous AGM minutes.

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman read out his report of the year. (Report attached).

5. Adoption of Accounts:

The annual statement of accounts, verified and signed by ACVS
Manager, Jim Nichols, on 30th March 2012, was adopted.

Proposed: Jim Lees Seconded: Russell Duncan

6. Membership Fee:

A proposal from Jim Lees that the annual fee for 2012-13 be reduced from £75 to £50 was agreed.

Proposed: Jim Lees

Seconded: Alastair Dobson

Invoices to be sent out by the Secretary.

Action: Secretary

7. Election of Chair & Vice-Chair:

Proposals that the Chair and Vice-Chair remain as Ken Thorburn and Russell Duncan respectively, was unanimously agreed by those present.

Ken Thorburn to remain as Chair.

Proposed: Russell Duncan

Seconded: Liz Robertson

Russell Duncan to remain as Vice-Chair.

Proposed: Alastair Dobson

Seconded: Robert Waine

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair gave notice that they would stand down in 1 years' time, with new officers to be appointed at the 2013 AGM.

Noted

8. Any Other Business:

8.1 A question was put to the meeting regarding the likelihood of a serious reduction in future ferry services to the island.

Robbie Brown advised that any changes to be made would be subject to the Tender Document.

Jim Lees mentioned that the Ferry Review had proposed a 2-ferry service between Brodick and Ardrossan.

On enquiry, it was confirmed that the query referred to the secondary route between Lochranza and Claonaig.

Jim Lees commented that neither he nor Kenneth Gibson MSP expected there to be a problem with the Lochranza route.

8.2 It was pointed out that Saver tickets on the Mull route were valid for 9 days

The Chair confirmed he had requested clarification from CalMac on this issue.

Jim Lees advised he had contacted Kenneth Gibson with regard to Saver tickets and commented that a 5-day Saver ticket was of no use for self-catering. He added that an increase to 9-days would give competitive advantage.

Robbie Brown reported that the Interim MD had agreed to a 9-day return ticket for Mull, but no more than that.

The meeting heard that Kenneth Gibson had taken up the matter with CalMac management.

8.3 Alastair Dobson queried whether RET was the right answer for Arran. He mentioned that a response was being awaited in respect of ongoing discussions.

The Chair agreed to write to the new CalMac MD concerning this.

Action: Chair

8.4 Underutilising of vehicle spaces on ferries in Western Isles was mentioned and it was questioned whether utilisation had been looked at with regards to Arran.

A suggestion was made that Isle of Arran be brought out of mothballs to address the problem.

A query was made on whether a process existed for recording the numbers of people unable to get on sailings.

It was agreed that the above points would be addressed at the next scheduled Ferry Committee meeting on 9th July 2012

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm. A short business meeting then took place.

Signed: Chairman

Dated: