

Isle of Arran Ferry Committee
Minute of
Annual General Meeting
held on
Monday 23rd June 2014
in Mountain Rescue Hall, Brodick

Present:

Robert Waine (Chairman)	Jim Lees (Voluntary Section)
David Cameron (National Trust)	Liz Robertson (NFU)
Sheila Gilmore (Tourism)	Colin McCort (Calmac)
Jim Henderson (Community Council)	Kenneth Gibson (MSP)
Ian Thomson (Road Haulage)	
Alastair Dobson (Businesses)	
Guy Brodie (Public Transport)	

6 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 Councillor John Bruce, Simon Richmond (CalMac).

2. Minute of Previous AGM

The Minute of the previous AGM held on Monday 10th June 2013 was adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Liz Robertson Seconded: Ian Thomson

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.

5. Adoption of Accounts

The annual statement of accounts, verified and signed by ACVS Administration Officer, on 30th March 2014, was adopted.

Proposed: Alastair Dobson Seconded: Liz Robertson

6. Membership Fee

A proposal from Jim Lees that the annual fee for 2014-15 remain at to £75.

Proposed: Alastair Dobson Seconded: Liz Robertson

7. Any Other Business:

The membership of the Committee was confirmed as follows:

R Waine	Independent Traveller/Chairman
J Lees	ACVS/Elderly Forum
J Henderson	Community Council
A Dobson	Business
G Brodie	Public Transport
D Cameron	National Trust for Scotland
L Robertson	National Farmers Union
S Gilmore	Tourism
I Thomson	Road Haulage
J Bruce	NAC

B Sams – Ferries could be structured by Pollution Rules – Cleaner Emissions – Additional Costs. How will it affect the island.

R Waine – We would have to take up with CalMac. Meetings going on re: Ferry Review Plan regarding the future and existing ferries, and a meeting is expected in 2 – 3 weeks time.

J Lees – There are rules and regulations regarding new types of ferries. J Lees does not understand why they would cost more. Feels it is a scare story.

B Sams – Will they be mono hull or catamarans?

R Waine – Not known at present, can't comment on the designs.

H Gardiner – What will FC do to ensure Ardrossan has same infrastructure plans as rest of local authority and Scotland.

R Waine – Most we can do is to work hard to get a meeting with Clydeport. Clydeport are a Private Company.

A Dobson – Has taken the issue to NAC who has put in £1.4 million into the project. Who are Clydeport accountable to?

R Waine – Their shareholders.

B Calderwood – Arran CC had written to Clydeport and their response was a blanket "Commercially sensitive".

CC – Statutory Body trying to address something, our transport is at risk.

K Gibson – Issue is that Clydeport used arguments that problem is with vessel design. Clydeport do not accept it is an issue. Similarly we know capacity will be an issue.

A Dobson – Don't think we should all be writing to Clydeport. Expectation is a meeting, will be held between CMAL, CalMac and NAC with Clydeport. Transport Scotland, CMAL, Calmac getting together regularly now. Timescale not known.

K Gibson spoke of successes of Ferry Committee. CalMac like dealing with FC as a one stop shop.

Question from Lochranza and Catacol Visitors Association – Why does information not come direct? Don't feel FC is representing the community – but is representing the business.

K Gibson – I represent the Community – J Bruce does represent the Community.

S Gilmour – Minutes are published. I contact CalMac, they don't contact me.

R Waine – CalMac are putting more information on the website.

H Gardiner – There is a feeling business side is disproportionately represented.

R Waine – We have had 22 meetings this year. Weather was exceptional this year.

WC – CC view was one of frustrations in communications. We put a list through Ferry Committee. Still sitting in June with some questions still unanswered.

R Waine – Asked JH have you had any questions, not answered. JH – No.

WC – We will discuss as a CC.

Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Signed: Chairman

Dated: