

ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

Meeting held following AGM

on

Monday 18th June 2012

in

Brodict Castle

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

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

1. Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

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

2. Minute of Previous Meeting:

The Minute of the previous meeting, held on Monday 14th May 2012, was adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Robert Waine Seconded: Jim Lees

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 NAC Representation on Ferry Committee (Item 1)

The Chair reported he had not yet received confirmation from North Ayrshire Council that John Bruce, the Arran-based Councillor, would be their representative on the Ferry Committee.

Jim Lees advised that John Bruce had been made Chair of the local Area Committee.

3.2 Invitation to Martin Dorchester, CalMac MD (Item 1)

The Chair confirmed he would issue an invitation to Martin Dorchester to attend the July meeting of the Ferry Committee.

Action: Chair

3.3 Brodict Pier Upgrade

The Chair agreed to write to Kenneth Gibson regarding the timescales for the work to be carried out at Brodict Pier.

Robbie Brown undertook to contact Lorna Spencer for clarification on the matter.

Action: Chair, Robbie Brown

3.4

Additional Summer Service (Item 3.2)

It was reported that the MV Isle of Arran would commence operations on the Brodick-Ardrossan route from 7th July 2012 until 4th September 2012.

4. Finance:

4.1 Bank Balance

The Secretary reported a bank balance of **£343.14** (£101.73 following payment of ACVS invoice).

4.2 Expenditure Approval

Approval was sought for payment of ACVS invoice no. 2012-01; value £241.41 for secretarial support.

Approved

5. Correspondence: 5.1 There was no correspondence.

Liz Robertson enquired if any word had come from Kenneth Gibson on the earlier roll-out of RET on the Lochranza service. The Chair advised there had been no such information.

6. Port Manager's Report:

Port Manager, Colin McCort gave his report to the meeting. The main points were as follows:

- Work on the car marshalling area had been completed and surface drainage was satisfactory.
- Some disruptions to the service had occurred last weekend leading to a few complaints, although most passengers had been understanding.
- A cycling event would take place the following weekend.
- The short-stay car park would be policed to enforce the 30-minute time limit.

7. Earlier Sunday Sailing:

Robbie Brown circulated a timetable for endorsement by the Committee.

The timetable gave details of sailings to be carried out by Isle of Arran, which would operate in freight mode during weekdays with passenger sailings at weekends.

Caledonian Isles would drop the 21.40hrs sailing from Brodick on Fridays and operate an additional sailing to Brodick at 20.30hrs on Saturdays, giving an earlier Sunday sailing from Brodick at 08.20hrs.

Russell Duncan suggested that the earlier Sunday sailing be publicised in the Arran Banner.

Jim Lees asked when the earlier sailing could be publicised. Robbie Brown advised he would check this the following day and inform the Chair of the outcome.

Action: Robbie Brown

The Chair thanked Robbie Brown and his team for their work on creating the timetable.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of Isle of Arran Ferry Committee will take place on **Monday 9th July 2012 at 7.30pm in Brodick Castle.**

Advance apologies were received from Colin McCort and Russell Duncan.

The Chair confirmed he would invite CalMac MD, Martin Dorchester to this meeting.

Action: Chair

9. Any Other Business:

9.1 The meeting was informed that two elderly disabled passengers had requested that thanks be passed on to CalMac staff at Brodick and Ardrossan for their assistance.

9.2 Alastair Dobson referred to the make-up of the Committee and, following discussion, it was agreed that an advertisement requesting applications for the Independent Traveller's representative would be placed prior to the 2013 AGM.

Agreed

A review of the constitution prior to the next AGM was also agreed.

Agreed

Jim Lees circulated a copy of a note sent to Kenneth Gibson from Clydeport regarding Ardrossan Harbour.

10. Close:

As there was no further business to discuss; the Chair all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm .

Signed:

Dated: