

ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

**Minute of Meeting
held on
Monday 12th December 2012
at 7.30pm
in
Brodict Castle**

Present:

Ken Thorburn (National Trust) (Chair)	Jim Lees (ACVS)
Cllr. John Bruce (NAC)	Guy Bodie (Stagecoach)
Jim Henderson (Community Council)	Liz Robertson (NFU)
Iain Thompson (Construction/ Haulage)	Robert Waive (Visit Arran)
Russell Duncan (Independent Traveller)	

In Attendance:

Kenneth Gibson (MSP), Jim Nichols (Secretary), Robbie Brown (CalMac), Colin McCort (CalMac), Hazel Gardiner (Public), Bill Calderwood (Community Council)

1. Welcome & Apologies:

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Apologies were received from Alastair Dobson (Taste of Arran), Sandra Sturgeon (CalMac), Martin Dorchester (CalMac), Jim Henderson (Community Council)

2. Minute of Previous Meeting:

The Minute of the previous meeting, held on Monday 12th November 2012, was adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Liz Robertson Seconded: R Duncan

K Thorburn asked for responses to the CMAL Presentation at the meeting of 12/11/12.

R Duncan and J Lees were both impressed.

K Thorburn had concerns regarding lifts and access.

B Calderwood stated that the majority of feedback through the Community Council has been in relation to Ardrossan. Traffic flow for both pedestrians and vehicles has been identified as an issue.

K Thorburn is concerned that there will be no change at Ardrossan.

I Thompson responded to this, saying that new vessels will help to address problems at Ardrossan.

K Gibson noted that many members of the public thought that the Public Meeting was on Tuesday when in fact it had passed on the Monday. He added that Clydeport see the problems resting with the vessels in use and not with the harbour at Ardrossan.

I Thompson feels there is inadequate parking at the pier. The current plans are already out of date and parking will be a major issue.

R Waive agreed that now is the time to raise these issues.

K Gibson suggested a quarterly meeting with CMAL, which Clydeport should also be invited to attend.

3. Matters Arising:

Second Ferry and Sunday Sailing: There is no update regarding Timetabling. K Gibson reported that the Ferry Plan is to be published in the forthcoming week. C McCort confirmed that timetables have not been published. R Brown stated that the deadline for this was 16th November, and the agreed action was to write again to CalMac, asking if the timetable can be held up from printing to get the timetable for 2nd ferry.

Ferries: K Gibson reported that the first new vessel is scheduled for arrival in 2016/17, with the possible leasing of a vessel prior to its arrival, and the second ferry is due for 2022.

4. Finance: **Bank Balance**
The Secretary reported that the financial situation is unchanged since the last meeting.

5. Port Manager's Report: Colin McCort had nothing to report. R Brown commented on crewng levels, which are 28/29 in winter, 32 in summer, and 35 at the height of summer.

6. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of Isle of Arran Ferry Committee will take place on **Monday 14th January 2013 at 7.30pm in Brodick Castle.**

7. Any Other Business: B Calderwood, on behalf of the Community Council requested that a letter received from the Community Council be reported. K Thorburn read the letter to the Ferry Committee, and agreed that the letter would be on the CC website. L Robertson reminded the meeting that approved FC minutes are available to read in the library.

8. Close: As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Signed:

Dated: