

# ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE

## Minute of Meeting

### Held on

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**At 7.30pm in the**

**Arran Mountain Rescue Centre**

#### **Present:**

Robert Waine (Chair)

Iain Thomson (Construction / Haulage)

Jim Henderson (Community Council)

Cllr John Bruce (NAC)

David Cameron (NTS)

Liz Robertson (NFU)

Colin McCort (CalMac)

Jim Lees (ACVS/Eld Forum)

#### **Also Present:**

Bobbi Adamson (Minutes)

**1.**

#### **Welcome & Apologies:**

The Chairman opened the meeting, thanked all for attending and wished everyone on the Committee a Happy New Year.

**2.**

#### **Minute of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record, subject to one amendment.

Proposed: Iain Thomson

Seconded: Jim Lees

**3.**

#### **Matters Arising**

RW explained that the new vessel build has gone to tender with a return date of the end of March 2015.

The action plan was discussed.

A meeting has been proposed between members of the Ferry Committee and the Community Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

**4.**

#### **Finance**

None.

**5.**

#### **Correspondence**

RW explained he had received a number of emails raising a variety of issues. He confirmed that these issues were already on the Committee's agenda and it was reaffirmed that they would continue to be pursued as a matter of course.

The main issue at present is the Port of Refuge. It was emphasised once again that CFL have no financial or technical reasons for not using the Port of Refuge. The decision is entirely at the Masters' discretion taking into consideration all factors including weather and safety. CFL continue to say that there are no other viable options for a Port of Refuge on the Clyde.

The Committee agreed that RW should write to TS as the body ultimately responsible for the service to seek their thoughts/plans with regards to the Port of Refuge now and in the future.

Whilst accessibility of the new vessel for Ardrossan and Gourrock has been raised on numerous occasions with CFL and CMal it was agreed to ask TS for their comments.

RW also said he would endeavour to ascertain the progress of meetings with Clydeport.

**6.**

#### **Port Managers Report**

CMcC explained that the Short Stay Car Park is still an ongoing issue.

A gangway has been delivered to Ardrossan which is slightly longer. This should solve a couple of issue around the tidal height when in use.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30pm at the Arran Mountain Rescue Centre.

**9. Any Other Business**

IT queried the reason that the 6 journey tickets are still specific to individual vehicles as there is now no price differences.

CMcC explained that this is a TS decision.

LR explained that after discussions with a CalMac employee, who did not know of the Isle of Arran Ferry Committee, there should perhaps be more awareness made in the network of the various Ferry Committee's that meet across Scotland.

With no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....