

# ISLE OF ARRAN FERRY COMMITTEE.

Minute of meeting

Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

At 7.30pm, at

Arran Mountain Rescue Centre

Present: Iain Thomson (Haulage)(Chair)  
Bill Calderwood (Community Council)      Cllr John Bruce( NAC)  
Colin McCort (CalMac)                              Guy Bodie (Public Transport)  
Jim Lees (CVS)                                        Alistair Dobson (Business)  
Neil Arthur (Independent Traveller)        Sheila Gilmore (Tourism)  
Liz Robertson (Farming)                        Simon Richmond (Calmac)  
Kenneth Gibson MSP                              Alan Stout (NHS)  
Hilary Stubbs (Minute Secretary)

Guests: Yasmin Erginsoy (Scottish Government)

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| 1. Welcome and apologies.<br>IT opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that DC has left his position at NTS<br>There were no apologies.  |   |
| 2. Minute of meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2016<br>The minute of the previous meeting was approved by BC, and seconded by LR.   |   |
| 3. Matters arising from previous minute.<br>3.1. Item 9.5.16-1, the notes from the Public meeting have been distributed.<br>3.2. Item 9.5.16-2 IT to send task force notes to KG<br>3.3. Item 9.5.16-4. AS has drawn up a NHS wish list for the new ferry and forwarded it to James Anderson.<br>3.4. KG asked Calmac if they are prepared to take on the toilets at Lochranza. SR responded that as there are toilets on the ferry, Calmac will not be considering taking on the public toilets. He suggested that as CMAL own the pier at Lochranza, that they may consider a request. KG to speak to CMAL.<br>3.5. SG to contact Argyle and Bute Council re the condition of the portacabin at Claonaig.<br>JB advised that NAC are hoping for local involvement. BC advised that he is working with community groups on the matter and a new paper will be going before NAC in the autumn asking for the decision to be reconsidered. | 13.6.16-1IT<br>13.6.16-2KG<br>13.6.16-3SG |
| 4. Ardrossan Harbour Task Group.<br>4.1. KG has met with the Minister for the Transport and the Islands.<br>The Task Force has met once and there has been a teleconference with TS.<br>It is unlikely that Peel Ports will upgrade the harbour but may be prepared to give a long lease to CMAL.<br>Modelling of developments is in progress, with Heads of terms between CMAL, Peel Ports and TS to be agreed.  |   |

KG suggested that this Committee invite the Minister for Transport and the Islands: Humza Yousaf, to one of their future meetings.

13.6.16-4IT

5. Early Sunday Sailing

5.1. KG advised that there was nothing further to report, however, SR reported that Brian Gordon (TS) has met with Calmac to discuss various matters including the changes to Sunday sailings and there are still some matters to clarify before the timetable is finalised.

6. Working Group Report

6.1. No formal report but AD and Calmac to meet asap.

This will include a discussion as to whether NAC can adjust their tarmac deliveries according to sailing volumes.

7. Finances.

7.1. Current financial position previously circulated at AGM

8. Correspondence

8.1. None received.

9. Port Manager's report.

9.1. CMc advised that work on the new terminal is progressing well, with a Phase 3 traffic meeting last week.

9.2. The Ardrossan-Brodick route is trialling a mobility access booking system where all requests for lift access have to go via a Freephone number. The aim is to give those with the greatest need a space near the lifts.

9.3. AD asked about arrangements for the Highland Games. CMc has discussed this with George Leslie. IT offered the use of his haulage yard if required.

9.4. Passenger traffic is up 9% and cars up 7%. There is a significant increase in cyclists. SR advised that this is having an impact on car spaces as up to 5 car spaces are now reserved for cycles on some crossings. SG to use social media to advise groups of cyclist of the need to discuss their journeys with Calmac in advance.

13.6.16-5CM

13.6.16-6SG

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Lamlash Hospital.

11. Any other business.

11.1. BC advised that the electric vehicle charging point is to be resited on the main road next to the slipway.

11.2. IT. Now that Calmac are the new ferry contractors will we have 2 ferries in the winter and will Campbeltown get its own boat instead of sharing Arran's second ferry? SR responded that there are no details yet.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed .....

Iain Thomson  
Chairman

Date .....

29<sup>th</sup> July 2016