

**MINUTES of MEETING of CAMPBELTOWN FERRY COMMITTEE held in the BURNETT
BUILDING, CAMPBELTOWN
on TUESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2016**

Present: Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)
Councillor John Armour
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Simon Richmond, Area Operations Manager, Calmac
Angela Herd, Calmac
Ewen McDonald, Explore Campbeltown
Mairi Paterson, Explore Campbeltown
Ruaridh Wilson, West Coast Motors
David Bolt, National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS)
Iain Johnstone, Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative (AITC) & Explore
Kintyre and Gigha
Kevin Lewis, Machrihanish Dunes
Jim Martin, Jim Martin Supplies

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and general introductions were made.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of:-

Stewart Clark, Marine Operations Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Stephen Scally, Harbour Master, Argyll and Bute Council
Neil Macalister Hall, Explore Kintyre and Gigha
Nick Fletcher, Explore Kintyre and Gigha

2. MINUTE OF THE CAMPBELTOWN FERRY COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2016

The Minute of the Campbeltown Ferry Committee meeting held on 23 August 2016 was approved as a true record.

3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

(a) Independent Traveller

The Area Committee Manager provided an update on the membership of the Committee and outlined the campaign followed to engage a member of the public as a representative of the independent traveller. The group gave consideration to two applications in respect of the position. General discussion took place in respect of the applicants and the particulars of their applications.

Outcome:

The Committee agreed that applicant 2, Susi Lunn be appointed as the representative of the independent traveller.

4. SUMMER 2017 TIMETABLE

The Area Operations Manager of Calmac, Simon Richmond outlined the process being followed in terms of the determination of the Summer 2017 timetable. He advised of the difficulties experienced in relation to the short timescales for the turnaround of the consultation. He advised that feedback was collected from the networks in June and July and that that responses were consolidated into a proposal of requests for Transport Scotland. He advised that Calmac were expecting final decisions from Transport Scotland imminently and the Summer 2017 timetable would be published by mid-December. Mr Richmond advised of the recent employment of Brian Fulton as Director of Community and Stakeholder Engagement with Calmac. He advised that Mr Fulton had been tasked with reviewing the process going forward, and it is hoped that the new process would be in place for deliberation of the Summer 2018 timetable.

Further discussion took place in respect of the Road Equivalent Tariff (RET); the Vessel Replacement Strategy; the issues caused by the number of campervans using the service; cancellations in the Summer 2016 service caused by weather.

