

**MINUTES of MEETING of COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM held in the TIMBER PIER
BUILDING, DUNOON on WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Present: Councillor Alan Reid (Chair)
Melissa Stewart, Argyll and Bute Council
Paul Farrell, Argyll and Bute Council
Martin Arnold, Argyll and Bute Council
Captain Alistair McLundie, Western Ferries
Ross Moran, Caledonian MacBrayne
Yvonne Hanely, Caledonian MacBrayne
Evan MacKay, Caledonian MacBrayne
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council
Eleanor Stevenson, South Cowal Community Council
Iain McInnes, Lochgoil Community Council
Cathleen Russell, Colglen Community Council
Archie Reid, Strachur Community Council
Debbie Donald, Cairndow Community Council
Michaela Blair, Kilfinan Community Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Councillor Jim Anderson
Councillor Bobby Good
Councillor Audrey Forrest
Councillor Yvonne McNeille
George Fiddes, Transport Scotland
Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council
Fulton McInnes, Hunter's Quay Community Council
Graham Revill, Kilmun Community Council
Kevin McIntosh, Argyll and Bute Council
Gordon Ross, Western Ferries

4. POLICE SCOTLAND

(a) Speeding Issues at Sandbank Road

A representative from Police Scotland was not present at the meeting, therefore no update was provided.

Outcome

Paul Farrell informed the Group that a speeding survey on Sandbank Road was due to be carried out in the next six weeks and he would report back to the Transport Forum with the findings.

5. FERRIES UPDATE

(a) Dunoon to Gourock Ferry Services

Argyll Ferries

Yvonne Hanley from Caledonian MacBrayne provided a statistical breakdown on sailings, passengers numbers and breakdowns for the July and August period for Dunoon, Colintraive and Portavadie.

The Forum held a discussion regarding the tender process, current extension of Argyll Ferries contract, future plans and infrastructure challenges.

Outcome

1. Ross Moran agreed to circulate statistical information to the Forum.
2. It was agreed that narrative regarding variables and influences be included with the statistics.
3. The Forum requested that long term known disruptions be clearly advertised.
4. The Transport forum agreed to draft a further letter to Transport Scotland along with a formal complaint regarding the lack of response and engagement with the Forum.

Western Ferries

Captain McLundie informed the Group that figures are up on last year particularly over the period covered by Cowal Games and the water ski championships. Cowal Games from a ferry perspective ran smoothly with only one reported incident. Within the last quarterly

6. TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

(a) VMS Update

7. TIMBER TRANSPORT GROUP

Iain Catterwell provided the Forum with the following email update:

Bark at Sandbank

As discussed at the previous meeting Iain has

Noise from vehicles on the road cannot be dealt with under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 as a statutory nuisance, nor do we have the legal authority to stop any vehicles, so even if noise measurements were taken by this Service no action would be possible against the individuals responsible, this would be a Police matter.

There are a number of potential actions that can be taken to reduce the impact of noise from motorcycles which include;

- 1) Educational campaigns to inform motorcyclists of the impact to neighbours that fast accelerations and speeding has to noise and safety such as posters and signage

(g) **482 & 483 Services: Update from Traffic Commissioner**

Martin Arnold provided the following email update:

The bus service looping around Alexandra Parade had minor improvements coming into effect on the 2nd of July. This improvement involved all-but-one of the buses on the service extending from their final stop at Dunoon Ferry Terminal, up Argyll Road and Argyll Street to West Coast Motors bus garage 'on service'. This means that passengers travelling in from Alexandra Parade can get transported directly to the main shopping area on Argyll Road, rather than making the walk from Dunoon Ferry Terminal.

(c) **Road Markings**

Victoria Road/ Hamilton Street

This area has been completed.

Bencorrum Brae

Still to be completed.

Wellington Street

Lining is complete but traffic order still in progress.

Old Police Houses Kilmun

Paul Farrell will look into this and come back to the group regarding walking space. His understanding was that the reduction in the marked area was only 100mm.

Outcome

1. Paul Farrell to look at putting road markings and signing at Kames Crossroads.
2. Paul Farrell to let the Forum know when all the newly surface dressed roads will be lined.
3. Paul Farrell to look at getting signage removed from already dressed roads.
4. Paul Farrell to look at redoing the walking line for children and the potential for rumble

