

**MINUTES of MEETING of COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM held in the TIMBER PIER
BUILDING, DUNOON on MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2019**

Present: Councillor Alan Reid (Chair)
Councillor Jim Anderson
Councillor Bobby Good
Stuart McLean, Argyll and Bute Council
Gordon Ross, Western Ferries
Cathleen Russell, Colglen Community Council
Michael Breslin, South Cowal Community Council
Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council
Iain Catterwell, Timber Transport Group
Paul Paterson, Kilfinan Community Council
Iain MacNaughton, Sandbank Community Council
Simon Richmond, Caledonian MacBrayne
Scott MacLean, Caledonian MacBrayne
Archie Reid, Strachur Community Council
Iain MacInnes, Lochgoil Community Council
Sergeant David Watt, Police Scotland

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Councillor Audrey Forrest
Debbie Donald, Cairndow Community Council
Graeme Revill, Kilmun Community Council
Martin Arnold, Community Transport Officer
Kenny Aitken, Transport Scotland

2. DECLARATIONS

4. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meetings of the Cowal Transport Forum would be held on:

- Monday 23rd September 2019; and
- Monday 9th December 2019

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CLYDE, KINTYRE AND ISLANDS FERRY STAKE HOLDER GROUP

The Chair requested nominations for an appointee to serve as the Forum's representative on Clyde, Kintyre and Islands Ferry Stakeholder Group.

Outcome

The Forum agreed to appoint Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council, as the representative to the Clyde, Kintyre and Islands Ferry Stakeholder Group.

6. FERRIES UPDATE

(a) Caledonian MacBrayne

Simon Richmond reported that over the winter

usage over a longer period, rather than over a period of 12 months.

2. Caledonian MacBrayne to confirm that all cancelled sailings when Western Ferries are operating are covered by the replacement bus service.
3. That the Chair contact Transport Scotland and highlight the concerns raised regarding the pricing structure of tickets for the Gourock to Dunoon ferry service.

That the Chair contact the Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee and request that the pricing structure of Gourock to Dunoon ferry service be discussed at the next Area Committee.

(b) **Western Ferries**

Gordon Ross reported that of 15,000 sailing between October 2018 to March 2019 only 31 had been cancelled, which was a far better ratio than other service providers. Mr Ross anticipated that the linkspan would be installed during July 2019 and fully operational soon thereafter. At the conclusion of the linkspan development attention would then be given to building a new office block.

Mr Ross voiced his frustration at the lack of investment being made to shore-side infrastructure within and around Dunoon Pier.

The Chair responded that it would not be prudent for the Council to invest in improved berthing facilities for the present vessels at the moment as there were no guarantees of the future structure of ferry services and that a working group had been established to map the best course of action. Councillor Reid also highlighted that pressure should be brought on the Scottish Government via MSPs to encourage investment.

Martin Arnold, Community Transport Officer had submitted apologies to the meeting, he

1. The Chair to contact Transport Scotland and raise concerns regarding the failure of the turning circle to resolve ongoing issues at the Bus Stop at Rest and Be Thankful and to further request that consideration be given to installing a layby on the Glasgow to Campbeltown side of the A83.
2. Police Scotland to highlight the ongoing parking issues to Officers and that, when appropriate, enforcement action should be taken.
3. The Forum requested clarification on how many fines had been issued since the introduction of the existing Traffic Regulation Order and what progress had been taken regarding the installation of CCTV at the location.

(e) **Dial-A-Bus**

Due to staff shortages through long term sickness and retirements, Roads and Amenity Services have not, as yet, produced a Cowal booklet advertising the Dial-a-Bus. The Community Transport Officer's post will be out on MyJobScotland soon, once appointed the service will proceed with booklet production

(f) **Fountain Quay Bus Shelter**

No further update on this item was provided.

(g) **Kames Bus Stop**

Roads and Amenity Services reported that the intention is to have this installed by the end of July/start of August 2019, possibly sooner if weather/workload is favourable.

(h) **479 Dunoon to Rothesay West Coast Motors Service**

No further update on this item was provided.

10. **TRANSPORT SCOTLAND**

(a) **VMS Update**

A representative from Transport Scotland was not present at the meeting and no written update was submitted.

The Chair reported that the VMS system had been passed to the Council to operate and that Transport Scotland had trained Council officers. The solar panels would be fixed by BEAR Scotland.

(b) **A83**

A representative from Transport Scotland was not present at the meeting and no written update was submitted.

objection without a finding of fault. If the objection is not resolved, the next stage of the TRO can be processed, which is advertising that the correct procedure has been adhered to and a date for the implantation will be given. Failure to remove objection would result in involvement of The Reporter from the Scottish Government.

Outcome

To request clarity on any proposed changes to the kerb lines associated with the TRO.

(b) **Parking Restrictions- Bus Bays at Queens Hall; Tudor Rooms and Morrisons**

Revised signage requires to be erected and also modification to existing TRO/s to reflect use of bays by local buses only.

(c) **Parked Vehicles on Paving Slabs Outside Argyll Hotel**

The area has been marked out, bollards and chains in store awaiting erection. Councillor Jim Anderson added that he anticipated that the work would be completed by July 2019.

(d) **Road Markings in Cowal - General update**

This will occur when the nominated lining subcontractor is in the area after this year's capital programme.

Cathleen Russell highlighted that as a consequence of a lack is

The church tower and that it requires the

