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MINUTES of MEETING of CAMPBELTOWN FERRY COMMITTEE held in the CONFERENCE ROOM, AQUALIBRIUM, CAMPBELTOWN on TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2016

Present: Councillor John Armour (Chair)
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager, Argyll and Bute Council
Simon Richmond, Area Operations Manager, Calmac
Angela Herd, Calmac
Mairi Paterson, Explore Campbeltown
Ewen McDonald, Explore Campbeltown
Ruaridh Wilson, West Coast Motors

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of:-

Councillor Anne Horn;
Ranald Watson, Springbank Distillers;
Kevin Lewis, Machrihanish Dunes; and
Tommy Millar, The Laggan Community Council

Having noted that the Chair, Councillor Horn had sent her apologies the Committee agreed that Councillor John Armour assume the role of Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. MINUTE OF CAMPBELTOWN FERRY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2016

The Minute of the Campbeltown Ferry Committee meeting held on 15 June 2016 was approved as a true record.

3. CONSULTATION RESPONSE SENT TO CALMAC

The Area Committee Manager provided an update on the membership of the Committee. Mrs Barton advised that letters had been issued to those previously identified as potential members. She advised that there had been 3 positive responses from West Coast Motors, Explore Kintyre and Jim Martin Supplies. She advised that she would update the membership list to include the details of those interested parties.

Councillor Armour advised that he had made contact with NFU, and was currently waiting on them to identify the most appropriate individual. Councillor Armour advised that he would make further contact with NFU in this regard and that he would make contact with local

- Ruairidh Wilson of West Coast Motors suggested that public transport should tie in with the ferry timetable. Mr Richmond agreed to provide Mr Wilson with the contact details of the appropriate person from Calmac in this regard.
- Discussion took place on the new vessel “Catriona” for the Claonaig to Lochranza route, with Mr Richmond advising that it is anticipated that she would be on the network from next year.
- Discussion took place on the disruption to the Campbeltown to Ardrossan service caused by the fault in the propulsion system on the Isle of Arran vessel, with Councillor Armour advising of the negative feeling towards the service. He advised that many believed that the term “technical issues” was being used to cover a wide variety of matters at times where greater detail would be appreciated. Mr Richmond agreed to look into the possibility of running a press release outlining the factual information on the difficulties faced.

Date of next meeting:-

The Committee agreed that the date of the next meeting should be arranged following the Clyde Ferry User Group meeting in September.