

Cowal Transport Forum Briefing Note 17th June 2019

Response from Transport Scotland Regarding Various Questions raised by Councillor Alan Reid:

A83 Task Force

I know the Minister cancelled his attendance at the March A83 Task Force meeting for a good reason. However, Community Councils have asked me why the Task Force could not have gone ahead without the Minister. *The Cabinet Secretary is the Chair of the A83 Taskforce. A written update was issued to all Taskforce members in the absence of a meeting. The next meeting has been scheduled for Scotland*

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each year. Could you please look into this? *I have raised this with BEAR Scotland. When clearing snow during snow events, the A83 Trunk Road is treated first as a priority. If conditions allow, the bus turning circle is cleared also. The bus turning circle is gritted twice during winter treatments, once by BEAR Scotland and once by Argyll and Bute Council.*

VMS Signs at Kilmun and Strachur

These do not appear to be working. I have been told that there are never any messages on them, even when road closures at the Rest & Be Thankful are planned. Could you please look into this? *These signs have been handed over to Argyll and Bute Council to manage and operate.*

Manual signs at the B839/B828 junction

We were told at the last meeting of the Task Force that these manual signs warning of closures on the A83 were the responsibility of BEAR, but they are never used. Could you please look into this? *This was picked up as part of the debrief for the landslide incident last October. BEAR have been reminded that these signs should be used when there is an incident at the Rest and Be Thankful.*