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Gourock Dunoon Project - Reference Group update

Good afternoon all and welcome to this Reference Group update

Firstly, I want to reassure you that work on the project is progressing despite COVID19 and secondly I want to clarify the Terms of Reference for this Reference group.

Work undertaken since our meeting on 26 February:

- A number of press releases and responses to enquires have been provided
- Clarification was provided to Bute and Cowal Area Committee on TOR of the Reference Group
- Confirmation of the four year project timescales
- A virtual Steering Group meeting has been held
- CalMac have delivered their current and future service requirement document
- CMAL Infrastructure have developed a Strategic Business Case for Gourock
- CMAL Vessels are reviewing CalMac's service requirements and are developing their Strategic Business Case
- Argyll and Bute Council are reviewing their current plans for Dunoon
- Reference Group - Question and Answers have been provided on the project website
- On-line Survey has gone live and has seen significant uptake

Our initial meeting was very productive and it is highly encouraging to see the commitment to strong community engagement by everyone. It is in all our interests to promote transparency, as per our project's communications and consultation strategy, but equally, we all have a duty to the Cowal community to ensure accurate and consistent information is shared with regards to this project. I have circulated the proposed Communication and Consultation strategy of how and when key releases or events will be held but I am very aware that in your elected positions you will be asked questions in between these events.

As I said at the meeting, the steering group will be happy to assist and confirm accuracy of any reports you require to provide your community. While it is normal practice for some items to remain confidential (contractual matters) and items that are under discussion; we will publish the