

**MINUTES of MEETING of COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM held in the CUSTOMER SERVICES
OFFICE, 22 HILL STREET, DUNOON
on FRIDAY, 30 MARCH 2012**

Present: Councillor A McNaughton (Chair)

Stephen Doogan, Area Governance Officer
Rowan Seddon, Community Transport Officer
Jolyon Gritten, Access Manager
David Cannon, Argyll Ferries
Robert Good, West Coast Motors
Anne Gabriel, Dunoon Community Council
Elizabeth Bain, Lochgoil Community Council
Eleanor Stevenson, South Cowal Community Council
Bert Baker, Kilmun Community Council
Fulton McInnes, Hunter's Quay Community Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of the following:-

Gordon Ross, Western Ferries
Nigel Brooks, LL&TMP
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council
Danny Sumsion, Cairndow Community Council

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9TH DECEMBER 2011

The Minutes of the Meeting of 9th December 2011 were approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(a) CORE PATHS AND CYCLE PATHS

The Group heard an informative presentation from the Access Manager on the Core Path plan including a demonstration of the Online Mapping facilities which have recently been launched showing paths and other relevant data. He further spoke in the Argyll & The Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (AICCT) encouraging members of the Group to go to one of the events.

The Group discussed the AICCT and the role of Trusts in the area.

Elizabeth Bain asked if the Core Paths join the Paths for All within the National Park and Jolyon said this was always intended to be the case he would continue to speak to the National Park staff to get their information onto the Core Path Plan to ensure a joined up outcome.

David Cannon said he was interested in highlighting what people can do on foot in this area and would be like to have a link to the Core Paths data on the Argyll Ferries website.

(b) CLARIFICATION ON TIMETABLES FOR INVERCLYDE HOSPITAL

Mr McInnes asked if information on the bus timetables from Gourrock to Inverclyde Hospital could be made available as there are a lot of McGills buses and people are not sure of the right one to get. The Area Governance Officer agreed he would contact the Marine and Airports Manager with a view to investigating the provision of a facility for operators to publish accurate timetable information in the waiting areas at both ends of the Ferry route, and report back the outcome to a future meeting of the Forum.

David Cannon suggested contacting McGills to get them to colour code their timetables with the buses that connect with the ferry timetables with the aim to eventually get an integrated timetable between the bus services and Argyll Ferries..

The Area governance officer agreed to discuss this with the Marine and Airports Manager in the first instance.

(c) TAXI RANK AT ARGYLL FERRIES IN DUNOON

The Group discussed the position of the taxi rank at Argyll Ferries and agreed the Dunoon CHORD Project proposals for the area would be brought to the next meeting.

The Group agreed a representative from CHORD will be invited to the next meeting of the Forum

4. POSSIBILITY OF THE TOWARD BUS SERVICE BEING EXTENDED TO WESTERN FERRIES

Eleanor Stevenson asked if it was possible for the Toward bus to be extended to Western Ferries.

Mr Good from West Coast Motors advised that he may be able to tie the Toward bus into the Ardentinnay one and he would look at the feasibility of this.

Rowan Seddon advised Douglas Blades may be considering some modification of the current timetables and that Mr Good and he could Liaise.

The Group noted the information provided.

5. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Rowan Seddon advised there was a problem with the intended turning area at the top of the Rest and Be Thankful due to the bore holes showing 2m of peat and she is waiting to hear from the Forestry Commission.

Elizabeth Bain advised there was a problem with buses dropping people off and not moving to the parking area.

The Group agreed another site meeting will be arranged with the following being invited to participate :-

Councillor A McNaughton
Douglas Blades
West Coast Motors
Forestry Commission
Strathclyde Police
Transerv
Lochgoil Community Council
Scout Centre

Mr Baker advised the hard standings were being up in place in Sandbank and wished to thank the Group for their part in this.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group agreed to provisionally set the next meeting for the 29th June 2012 at 10am in the Customer Services Office, 22 Hill Street, Dunoon.

