

**MINUTES of MEETING of CAMPBELTOWN FERRY SUB-GROUP held in the ROOM 2,
KINTYRE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, STEWART ROAD, CAMPBELTOWN, PA28
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on FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2015**

Present: Councillor Anne Horn (Chair)

Councillor John Armour

Attending: Melissa Stewart, Area Governance Officer
James Lafferty, Project Officer
Ewen MacDonald, Explore Campbeltown
Allan Baker, Campbeltown Community Council
Kevin Lewis, Machrihanish Dunes

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were intimated from:-

Claire Simmers, Highlands and the Islands Enterprise
Simon Richmond, CalMac

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 27 APRIL 2015

The Minute of the Campbeltown Ferry Sub-group meeting held on 27 April 2015 was approved as a true record.

Matters Arising

Councillor Armour noted his disappointment at the lack of attendance at the last meeting where there was no one present from CalMac or Transport Scotland. The Area Governance Officer suggested that there might be difficulties with CalMac's participation on the Group due to the ferry services tender being out at present.

Councillor Armour advised he emailed Simon Richmond from CalMac stating that he had noticed the scheduled sailing to Campbeltown from Ardrossan for Friday 27th and Saturday 26th June had been cancelled because of strike action but that he failed to understand why the Thursday 24th June sailing has also been cancelled. He advised he asked CalMac for an explanation to why these sailings had been cancelled. John confirmed that he had received a response advising him that there is an overtime ban on the Wednesday and Thursday night in addition to the strike action planned for the Friday and as a result they had to adjust the number of sailings.

The Group agreed to write to CalMac again for their non-attendance at today's meeting as Councillor Armour had assurance that someone would

be in attendance.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Members of the Group were asked to nominate and agree a Vice Chair for the group.

Decision

It was agreed not to nominate a Vice Chair to the group and that if Councillor Horn was ever unavailable to attend the meeting, a Chair could be appointed on the day of the meeting.

4. LETTER ISSUED TO TRANSPORT SCOTLAND IN RESPECT OF CAMPBELTOWN - ARDROSSAN SERVICE

Members of the group considered the letter, which had been issued to Cheryl Murrie, Ferries Policy Officer, Transport Scotland and copied to the Chief Executive of Transport Scotland.

Decision

The Group agreed that the Area Governance Officer write a further letter referring to the previous letter and ask for a response as a matter of urgency and to seek assurance that the ferry will be continued on a permanent basis, with a dedicated vessel.

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES

In view of the fact that the Transport Minister had intimated he could not attend this meeting, the Group agreed to invite the Transport Minister to identify some dates which may be suitable for the meeting. Prior to that, a further meeting of the Campbeltown Ferry Sub Group would be convened to prepare for the meeting with the Minister.