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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM** will be held in the **TIMBER PIER BUILDING, DUNOON** on **FRIDAY, 17 JUNE 2016** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director of Customer Services

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Verbal update by Contracts Manager.

**7. MOTOR CARAVAN, MIDGE LANE, STRONE**

Verbal update by Technical Officer.

**8. POLICE SCOTLAND**

Verbal update by Police Scotland representative.

**9. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

Verbal update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Representative.

**10. AOCB**

**11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, 10am, Wooden Pier Building, Dunoon.

**Cowal Transport Forum**

Councillor Alex McNaughton (Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM held in the TIMBER PIER  
BUILDING, DUNOON  
on FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 2016**

**Present:** Councillor Alex McNaughton (Chair)  
Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager  
Fulton McInnes, Hunters Quay Community Council  
Gordon Ross, Western Ferries  
Iain McInnes, Lochgoil Community Council  
Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council  
Cathy Morrison, South Cowal Community Council  
Kevin McIntosh, Contracts Manager  
Verina Litster, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Simon Richmond, Caledonian MacBrayne  
Scott Goodwill, Caledonian MacBrayne  
Derek Wilson, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Councillor Dick Walsh  
Martin Arnold, Community Transport Officer  
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Councillor Gordon Blair  
Graham Reville  
Keith Murray, Transport Scotland  
John Forrest, Police Scotland  
Paul Farrell, Technical Officer

**2. MINUTES**

The minute of the meeting of the Transport Forum 29 January 2016 was approved as a correct record.

**3. TRANSPORT SCOTLAND**

Keith Murray, Transport Scotland had submitted apologies to the meeting and therefore no update was provided.

**(a) Turning Circle**

The Community Transport Officer provided the Forum with a verbal update on the progress of resolving issues that are impeding the use of the new turning circle as raised at the January meeting of the Transport Forum. He informed the Group that a meeting had been held and that several improvements to the area were noted to be carried out with an estimated finishing date of the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

Councillor McNaughton read out an email which addressed the Community Council's concerns over the turning circle and the requirements of Scottish Citylink Coaches Limited to enable their use of the turning circle.

The Contracts Manager cautioned that the timeframe for completed works may be tight due to existing commitments but he will clarify this with Nigel Potts, Technical Officer and report back to the Forum.

### **Actions**

1. Contracts Manager to report back to the Group on the feasibility of works being carried out to the proposed timeline.
2. Contracts Manager to enquire about the process of adopting the turning circle as a road to allow parking enforcement to be carried out.
3. Contracts Manager to provide Iain MacInnes with an updated timeline for works by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.

## **4. FERRIES UPDATE**

### **Argyll Ferries**

Simon Richmond from Argyll Ferries provided the Forum with the following update;

- Argyll Ferries passenger numbers have decreased by 10% over the winter.
- The Argyll Flyer will undergo a refit.
- The marketing department is currently working on promoting the Cowal Games weekend.
- Summer timetable is now in place.
- Colintrave ferry has been very busy due to Wemyss Bay ferry closure.
- A yellow level of service has been introduced which indicates to Ferry Users that ferries are running as intended but may experience disruption.

### **Western Ferries**

Gordon Ross from Western Ferries provided the Forum with the following update:

- Joint ticketing exercise that was put in place due to the Wemyss Bay ferry closure has worked well.
- Clyde and Hebridean routes tender – Gordon Ross updated on discussions with the tenderers for the Clyde and Hebridean routes and set out possible opportunities to enhance customer access to the full range of ferries.
- Plans are in place to replace existing linkspans and improvements to the berthing structure as well as improvements to the Kilmun Pier, with a hope to begin works in the next few months and an estimated completion date of December 2016.

### **Actions**

1. Community Transport Officer to look into connecting bus service with the 20.20 ferry.
2. Willie Lynch asked for a response on the feedback that Argyll Ferries had requested from him. Simon Richmond agreed to provide this.
3. Figures on the uptake of RET to be brought to the June Transport Forum meeting.
4. The Forum agreed that a letter should be sent to CMAL to express their concerns at the current steps berthing system and whether a more suitable pontoon system can be put in place. Ian McNaughton agreed to draft this letter which will then be circulated to the Forum for comment.

**5. PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE**

**(a) Second Turning Circle - Ardentinny**

The Community Transport Officer informed the Forum that some work has been carried out at Sligrachan and the area is now wide enough but the surface may not be suitable for new, low-floored, buses.

A further site meeting using a bus took place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April to determine what further work is required. Nigel Potts will identify a cost for this but cannot undertake the work until June so it is probably going to be the start of the new school year in August before the two buses a day can extend from Glenfinart to Sligrachan.

**(b) Bus Services - Public Holidays 2015/2016**

The Community Transport Officer informed the Group that this issue is still to be discussed with West Coast Motors and a further update will be provided to a future meeting of the Transport Forum.

**Action**

Community Transport Officer will enquire about the bus timetable that still requires a stand that was raised by Willie Lynch.

**(c) Services 482/483**

Willie Lynch reported that he had representation from Kirn residents requesting if 482/483 service could run later as it currently finishes at 3.40pm. Martin Arnold agreed to look into this and report back to Mr Lynch.

**Action**

Community Transport Officer will speak to McGill's to see if they can pick up local route passengers on the Dunoon side and he will also look at whether another route could be diverted to provide a later service.

**(d) Service 480**

It was reported that this service is currently running smoothly and no issues were raised.

**6. GOUROCK TRAIN PLATFORMS**

Councillor McNaughton read out the email response received by Scotrail in relation to a query raised as to whether they had received any complaints about the gap between the platform and the train at the Gourock train station. The response stated that the distance between services that use the Gourock station are within the accepted parameters and although the gap between carriages and platform may appear large they are within industry guidelines.

**7. ROADS UPDATE**

**(a) Congestion at Hunters Quay**

Following on from the previous transport Meeting held in January the Contracts Manager informed the Group that the outstanding action which

read 'The Roads department will take the lead on setting up a meeting to be held between Western Ferries, Roads department, Hunters Quay Community Council and the Police to agree a suitable way forward and then report back to the April Transport Forum meeting' has not been completed and is therefore outstanding. The contracts manager further added that this action would be looked at and a meeting arranged within the next month.

### **Actions**

1. Meeting re congestion to be arranged in the next four weeks by the Contracts Manager.
2. Road condition on the far end of Argyll Street and Tom A Mhoid road to be looked at.
3. Timeframe for review of disabled bays to be fed back to the Forum.

### **(b) Progress Update on Implementation of VMS Signs**

The Contracts Manager and the Forum held a discussion regarding outstanding issues involving VMS signs.

A VMS sign is still not available for Lochgoilhead despite having been previously identified by Transport Scotland. The contracts Manager explained that VMS signs are only for use on strategic routes.

It was also noted that hinged signs were being put in place with responsibility for these signs being Transport Scotland's.

### **Action**

Transport Forum to contact Transport Scotland to request if another sign is available for Lochgoilhead.

## **8. POLICE SCOTLAND**

A representative from Police Scotland was not present at the meeting, therefore no update was provided.

## **9. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

Derek Wilson and Verina Litster from Scottish Fire and Rescue provided the Forum with a verbal update, the following points were included:

- Scottish Fire and Rescue are implementing a variety of methods to help reduce road traffic accidents.
- Work is currently being undertaken through the Argyll Safety Partnership.
- Verina is the appointed person for taking road safety forward.
- A two day event is taking place with a real time crash scenario in Dunoon Stadium on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 11am, is open to all, and pupils from Dunoon Grammar School will be invited. The second day of the event will concentrate on fire safety.

## **10. AOCB**

The Group held a discussion on the completed and proposed works to Dunoon Pier. Gordon Ross congratulated Argyll and Bute Council on the works already undertaken and enquired about the next stage of the project.

Councillor Walsh informed the Group that Argyll and Bute Councils main focus in relation to the pier is to progress with the phase 2 works.

### **11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Cowal Transport Forum will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in the Timber Pier Building, Dunoon.

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**Transport Scotland****Works in North West Unit****Argyll and Bute Council Area****Major Bridges**

A82 Ballachulish – Expansion Joints - 150k

A82 Aberchalder Swing Bridge – Painting - 360k

A85 Connel – Deck Replacement - 80k

**Total £590k**

**Bridges**

A83 Achnacloich – Painting – no value

A83 Brae Road - Wall Repair– no value

A83 Chleit – Parapet Upgrade - 15k

A83 Killocrow – Parapet Upgrade - 15k

A83 Cleongart – Parapet Upgrade - 15k

A83 Meall Mhor – Parapet Upgrade - 60k

A83 Whitehouse North – Parapet Upgrade - 40k

A83 Clachan South – Parapet Upgrade - 40k

A83 North Cromalt – Parapet Upgrade - 40k

**Total £225k**

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## Transport Scotland

### Works in North West Unit

#### Argyll and Bute Council Area

##### Strategic Road Safety – Mixture of studies and schemes

A82	A82 Fort William to Tyndrum Section Study	42050
A82	A82 Fort William to Tyndrum Section Study	36425
A828	A828 Creagan to Portnacroish 50mph speed limit	321
A828	A828 Duror to Kentallen 50mph speed limit	322
A82	A82 Tarbet to Inverarnan 50mph speed limit	12805
A85	A85 George Street, Oban	500
A83	A83 Cairndow to Lochgilpead Section Study	33246
A82	A82 north of Stonymollan Site Study	7062
A85	A85 Tyndrum to Dalmally Section Study	9299
A82	A82 Duck Bay Site Study	14251
A85	A85 Lix Toll to Crianlarich Section Study	3299
A82	A82 Loch Loy power station Site Study	14948
A85	A85 Stonefield to Connel 50mph	4985
A83	A83 Bellochantuy barrier	60000
A85	A85 Dalmally to Connel Section Study	6000
A828	A828 Connel to Ballachulish Section Study	3000
A82	A82 Arden to Tarbet Section Study	6000
A82	A82 Tarbet to Tyndrum Section Study	6000
A83	A83 Furnace to Lochgilphead Section Study	6000
A83	A83 Ardrishaig to Kennacraig Section Study	6000
A85	A85 Connel to Pennyfuir Section Study	3000
A83	A83 Achnarta re-surfacing	56031
A83	A83 Achnarta re-surfacing	0
A83	A83 Furnace to Cumladden 40mph speed limit	6518
	<b>Total</b>	<b>338062</b>

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**Transport Scotland**

**Works in North West Unit**

**Argyll and Bute Council Area**

**Routine Maintenance**

A828 North and South of Kell House – Patching – 60000 – February 2017

A828 Benderloch Garage to 30s – Patching – 40000 – March 2017

A82 North of Central boundary – Patching – 15000 – May 2016

A85 Connel Village and Airds Bay – Patching – 60000 – August 2016

A85 Taynult Hotel – Patching – 35000 – July 2016

A82 South of Ardrishaig Swing Bridge – 40000 - Patching – October 2016

A82 North of Inveruglas (Viaduct) – 30000 - Patching – February 2017

A83 Tarbet Junction – Patching – 20000 - September 2016

A83 South of Glenbarr – Patching – 35000 – not programmed yet

A83 Tangy North of Airport Junction – Patching – 45000 – not programmed yet

A83 South of Strone Point – Patching – 80000 – Completed May 2016

A828 Connel Bridge to A85 Junction – Footway Repairs – 20000 – September 2016

A83 Furnace to Crarae – Footway Repairs – 50000 – not programmed yet

A83 Bermore Road – Footway Repairs – 5000 – Completed April 2016

A82 Whole Route – Signs and Bollards – 15000 – July/August 2016

A828 Whole Route - Signs and Bollards – 5000 – August/September 2016

A83 Gigha Ferry to Tayinloan – Signs and Bollards – value unknown – not programmed yet

A83 Whole Route - Signs and Bollards – 15000 – December 2016

A85 Whole Route - Signs and Bollards – 15000 – December 2016

A828 South of Creagan Bridge – Embankment Repair – 35000 – not programmed yet

A828 Barcaldine at Tanglin House – Drainage – 25000 – not programmed yet

A828 Benderloch at Letterwalton – Drainage – 25000 – not programmed yet

A82 Loch Lomondside – Culvert Upgrades and Ditching – 100000 – September 2016

A83 Barbles, West Loch, Tarbert – Filter Drain and Verge Works – 5000 – in progress

A83 Argartan – Ditching – 15000 – not programmed yet

A83 Tangy Farm near Kilchenzie – Filter Drain and Culvert Works – 15000 – June 2016

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – Drainage – 15000 – not programmed yet

A85 Arrivain – Drainage – 15000 – not programmed yet

A85 West of Awe Barrage – Filter Drain and Culvert Works – 15000 – not programmed yet

A85 Tarbet Hotel – Drainage Investigation/Improvements – value unknown - not programmed yet

A83 Brough Farm, Taynult – Ditching and Drainage Works – value unknown – not programmed yet

A82 Whole Route – Road Markings – 45000 – May/June 2016

A82 Whole Route – Road Studs – 45000 – September 2016

A828 Whole Route – Road Markings – 40000 – June/July 2016

A83 Whole Route – Road Markings and Road Studs – 45000 – September 2016

A85 Whole Route - Road Markings and Road Studs – 45000 – October 2016

**£5 k spent, £5 k in progress, £240 k not yet programmed, £805 k programmed**

### **Structural Maintenance**

A82 North of Auch Farm – Overlay – 230000 – Summer 2016

A83 Lochgaor – Resurfacing – 250000 – Autumn 2016

A83 South of Clachan – Overlay – 250000 – Autumn 2016

A82 North of Tyndrum – Resurfacing – 200000 - Completed Spring 2016

A83 West Tarbert – Resurfacing – 400000 – In Progress

A828 Columbas Bay to Barcaldine – Overlay - 185000 – Completed Spring 2016

A83 Achnogoul Phase 2 - Overlay – 265000 – Summer 2016

A82 South of Inn on the Loch – Resurfacing – 360000 – Summer 2016

A85 East of Arinabea – Overlay – 240000 – Summer 2016

A82 Home on the Loch – Resurfacing – 300000 – Autumn 2016

A82 South end of Tyndrum – Resurfacing – 200000 – Autumn 2016

A85 Arinabea to Arrivain – Resurfacing – 190000 – Autumn 2016

**£385 k spent, £400 k ongoing, a further £2,285 k planned**

## Minor Improvements

A83 Stone Point – Realignment – 1380000 - September 2016 to March 2017

A83 Old Military Road – Widening – 400000 – July/August 2016

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – Risk Reduction – 980000 – September 2016 to February 2017

A83 Old Military Road – Sweeping and Pump Hire – 30000 – 2016/2017

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Phae 1 – Barrier Replacement – 30000 – Completed April 2016

A83 Erines Realignment – Vegetation Clearance – 70000 – Completed April/May 2016

A83 Glen Kinglas – Landslide Mitigation – 35000 – August 2016

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – Various Minor Items– 20000 – June 2016

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – Slope Monitoring – 35000 – 2016/2017

**£100 k complete, a further £2,880 k planned**

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