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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, 9 DECEMBER 2016** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services

BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **MINUTE OF THE LAST MEETING OF COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2016** (Pages 1 - 6)
4. **TRANSPORT SCOTLAND** (Pages 7 - 10)
Update by Transport Scotland.
5. **FERRIES UPDATE**
Verbal update by Argyll Ferries and Western Ferries representative.
 - (a) Improved Port Facilities
Update by Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) representative.
6. **PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE**
 - (a) Car Parking in Bus Stops at Mustering Area - Dunoon Pier
Verbal update by Community Transport Officer and Traffic and Development Officer, Argyll and Bute Council.
7. **ROADS UPDATE**

(a) Turning Circle

Verbal update by Contracts Manager, Argyll and Bute Council.

(b) Congestion at Hunters Quay

Verbal update by Contracts Manager, Argyll and Bute Council.

(c) Progress Update on Implementation of VMS Signs

Verbal update by Contracts Manager, Argyll and Bute Council.

8. SCOTTISH WATER UPDATE

Verbal update by Regional Communities Manager, Scottish Water

9. POLICE SCOTLAND

Verbal update by Police Scotland representative.

10. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE

Verbal update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Representative.

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cowal Transport Forum

Councillor Alex McNaughton (Chair)

Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager

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**MINUTES of MEETING of COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM held in the TIMBER PIER
BUILDING, DUNOON
on FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Present: Councillor Alex McNaughton (Chair)
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager
Iain MacInnes, Lochgoil Community Council
Cathy Morrison, South Cowal Community Council
Iain McNaughton, Sandbank Community Council
Graham Revill, Kilmun Community Council
Fulton McInnes, Hunters Quay Community Council
Archie Reid, Strachur Community Council
Simon Richmond, Caledonian MacBrayne
Scott Goodwill, Caledonian MacBrayne
Keith Murray, Transport Scotland
Martin Arnold, Community Transport Officer
Verina Litster, Scottish Fire and Rescue

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated by:

Gordon Ross, Western Ferries
Alan MacRaid, Interloch
Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council
Alistair McLundie, Western Ferries
Crawford John Richmond, Police Scotland

The Chair on behalf of the Cowal Transport Forum intimated that their thoughts are with the family of the young boy who tragically lost his life in Innellan this week.

2. MINUTES

The minute of the meeting of the Transport Forum 15 April 2016 was approved as a correct record subject to changes at Item 4. Ferries update to include:

- Passenger numbers are higher as compared to last year.
- Western Ferries currently has almost 100% reliability year to date.
- A planning application will be shortly submitted to replace the old berthing structure and linkspan at McInroy's Point.

3. TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

Keith Murray, Transport Scotland provided the following update:

- BEAR Scotland has been instructed to erect pedestrian signage at Cairndow.
- Pedestrian signs will also be erected at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar as well as two reflective bollards on the corner of the road to make drivers aware of the kerb.
- Since the last A83 Taskforce meeting approximately £2,000,000 has been spent on the A83 and includes: barrier repairs, resurfacing works, additional safety fencing works, hillside drainage and improved drainage at 6 locations.

- Strone Point works will start in November and are expected to last twenty weeks.
- Plans are in place to widen the section of the Old Military Road which runs through Forestry Commission land. This will make the road two way on this section and reduce travel time by approximately 5 minutes.
- Proposed maintenance works in the area include: seven sites identified for resurfacing work, safety fencing and signage and lining. The budget for 2017-18 is £3,500,000. It was noted that the A83 is the only route in Scotland to receive this level of funding.

Action

Transport Scotland to look at the programme of scrub clearance to see if the Cairndow road and section as drivers pull out from the A815 can be included.

4. FERRIES UPDATE

Argyll Ferries

Simon Richmond and Scott Goodwill from Argyll Ferries provided the Forum with the following update:

- The Clyde and Hebrides contract has been signed and will come in force on the 1st October 2016.
- With regards to the The Dunoon Gourock Passenger Route contract, the first stage pre-qualifying process is complete and the second release of the invitation to tender will be out week commencing 5th September 2016.
- It is expected that the new contract will run from the 29th of June 2017 for a period of twelve years.
- Passenger numbers for the summer months at Colintraive, Wemyss Bay and Portavadie are up on last year.
- The passenger numbers for the Gourock to Dunoon sailing has decreased by 4% on last year's figures.
- Cowal Games passenger numbers were down 1% overall but up 3% on the Saturday and Bute Games were up in number of cars but down in number of passengers.
- The Ferry users group meeting will be held in October.
- A conversation was held around Argyll Ferries procedures for dealing with intoxicated passengers and drink related incidents. Procedures will be reviewed.
- Simon Richmond informed the Group that Cmal had not received the letter submitted by the transport forum.

Actions

Senior Area Committee Assistant to forward Simon Richmond the original letter that was sent to Cmal and he will progress the matter.

Western Ferries Update

As Captain McLundie had been unable to attend the meeting at short notice due to operational reasons following increased ferry traffic due to an unplanned road closure diversion due to an accident, there was no update from Western Ferries.

5. PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

(a) Sligrachan Turning Area

The Community Transport Officer informed the Group that works on the Sligrachan turning circle has been completed, with only some work around installing reflective bollards still to be completed. This turning circle will be ready for use by the buses on Monday 5th September 2016.

(b) Car Parking in Bus Stops at Mustering Area - Dunoon Pier

The Community Transport Officer informed the Group that currently there is an issue with cars parking in the bus stops at the mustering area of Dunoon Pier and that they have contacted the legal department to write to the taxi companies.

It was noted that the issue was not just taxis but also cars using the area. The Forum held a discussion regarding whether this area was included in the parking review which is currently out to public consultation.

The Community Transport Officer also informed the Group that McGills were currently looking at a reduced fare for people using the Glasgow service for local journeys and he will report back to the forum when an update on this is available.

Action

1. Councillor McNaughton will raise this issue at the Bute and Cowal Business Day on the 6th September 2016.
2. Community Governance Manager to raise Item with roads department regarding clarification on what enforcement can be put in place and if the parking review will have any impact on this situation.

6. ROADS UPDATE

A representative from the Roads department was not present at the meeting, therefore no update was provided.

(a) Congestion at Hunters Quay

Fulton McInnes, Hunters Quay Community Council informed the Group that a meeting had taken place between the Community Council, Western Ferries and the Roads Department but an agreement could not be reached at the point. It was also noted that Police Scotland did not attend the meeting.

Actions

1. Senior Area Committee Assistant to request a copy of the minutes for the meeting from the Roads Department.
2. Police Scotland to be asked to attend the next meeting specifically to discuss this item.
3. Community Governance Manager to create and circulate to the Group a briefing which outlines the best ways to log a request for a

service with Argyll and Bute Council and to include contact number, website links and process.

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

Iain MacInnes informed the Group that he had a site meeting with the Contracts Manager regarding signage but at this point was no further forward.

Action

Community Governance Manager to raise this item with the Roads department to clarify where VMS signs will be situation, when they will be in place and who will be responsible for updating them. The Group requested that this item be seen as urgent with a response being emailed to the Forum.

It was noted that the turning circle sits with the Roads Department and not Transport Scotland. This item was therefore moved to agenda item 6. (c) of this minute.

(c) **Turning Circle**

Iain MacInnes advised the meeting that unfortunately the implementation of the turning circle has not been successful due to several unresolved issues which included coaches and cars parking in it so the city link bus is unable to get in, people booking the bus but it doesn't stop for them and City Link have advised that due to lack of winter treatment they will not be using the turning circle from November 2016 until March 2017.

It was noted that an agreement was already in place for the area to be gritted by both BEAR Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council.

Actions

1. Community Transport Officer to raise with Roads department whether a traffic enforcement order can be put in place.
2. Community Governance Manager and Iain MacInnes to draft a letter expressing all the concerns raised at the meeting. This letter should then be sent to Elected Members, Highlands and Islands MSP's, the Scottish Transport Minister, Chief Executive of Transport Scotland, City Link and West Coast Motors.

7. SCOTTISH WATER UPDATE

A representative from Scottish Water was not present at the meeting, therefore no update was provided.

8. POLICE SCOTLAND

Sergeant Richmond from Police Scotland had retrospectively submitted apologies for the meeting therefore no update was provided.

9. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE

Action

Verina Litster on behalf of Scottish fire and Rescue requested that the Forum raise a congestion issue caused by parking on both sides of the road in Edward Street, Dunoon with the Roads department as this could impede on Scottish Fire and Rescue being able to get an appliance through that stretch of road.

10. AOCB

Keith Murray informed the Group that the A83 Taskforce meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September.

Action

The Community Governance Manager will draft a letter expressing the Cowal Transport Forums concern over poor attendance at the meeting and reiterating the importance of attendance at the meeting and also ask for this message to be endorsed by the Council Leader.

This letter will be sent to Scottish Water, Argyll and Bute Councils Roads Department and Police Scotland.

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Cowal Transport Forum will be held on Friday 9th December at 10am in the Timber Pier Building, Dunoon.

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Route	Location	Work Description	Estimated Value
3-Year Programme Development: Current Year 2016/17			
A83	West Tarbert	Overlay	408000 Complete
A83	Achnagoul	Resurfacing	265000 Complete
A83	East of Inveraray (HD28)	retext and resurf	30000 Complete
A828	Columba's bay to Barcaldine Ph 1	Resurfacing	185000 Complete
A82	South of Inn on the Loch	Resurfacing	360000 Complete
A83	South of Oyster Bar	Surface Dressing	158000 Complete
A85	East of Arinbea	Resurfacing	247000 Complete
A85	Arinabea to Arrivain	Resurfacing	242000 Complete
A82	Firkin Point	Resurfacing	260000 Complete
A83	Lochgair	Overlay	280000 Complete
A85	West of Dalmally to Inveraray Jct	Resurfacing	200000
A828	North of Benderloch	Resurfacing	220000
Total =			2855000

Route	Location	Work Description	Estimated Value
3-Year Programme Development: Year 1 2017/18			
A83	Muasdale Village	Resurfacing	199791
A828	Portnacraish	Overlay	194160
A82	Netherwood B& B to Sth of Clachan		250000
A82	Home on the Loch	Resurfacing	300200
A82	Glencoe Village to South Ballachullish	Resurfacing	148178

A83	South of Clachan	Resurfacing	216142
A83	Ardganavan/Drishaig	Overlay	250000
A83	Lochgilphead, Cossack St - Colchester	Overlay	99498.55
A83	Killean to Mausdale Infill	Resurfacing	207351.08
A83	South end of Ardrishaig	Resurfacing	184748.21
A85	Corryghoil	Overlay	178090.04
A828	Culcharan	Surface Dressing	367768
		Total =	2595926.88

Route	Location	Work Description	Estimated Value
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3-Year Programme Development: Year 2 2018/19

A828	North of Stalker castle	Resurfacing	150000
A82	North of Luss	Resurfacing	300000
A83	South of Stewartfield Cottage (Clachan P	Overlay	250000
A83	Butterbridge to Dunoon Jct Phase 1	Resurfacing	300000
A83	Lochgilphead, Colchester - A816 RDBT	Overlay	200000
		Total =	1200000

Route	Location	Work Description	Estimated Value
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3-Year Programme Development: Year 3 2019/20

A82	North of Luss Phase 2		150000
A83	Butterbridge to Dunoon Jct Phase 2		200000
A82	Firkin Point to Sth of Tarbet	Resurfacing	250000
A828	Appinhall to Achnacone House	Overlay	275000
A828	North of Inverfolla	Overlay	180000
A828	South of Kentallan	Overlay	150000

A83	Meall mhor	Overlay	235000
A85	Bridge of Awe East	Overlay	245000
A85	Pass of Brander	Inlay	320000
		Total =	2005000

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