

Cowal Transport Forum Briefing Note 17th June 2019

Question from Councillor Alan Reid:

It appears that a sailing on the Dunoon-Gourock service is cancelled whenever the Rothesay-Wemyss Bay service is diverted to Gourock. Are there any plans to find a way of accommodating both services?

The relief bus is not always available for cancelled sailings. What are criteria for putting on the relief bus and the reasons why?

Response from Caledonian MacBrayne:

Thanks for your e mail. As a matter of course we try not to impact on the Gourock Dunoon service when diverting other services to Gourock. We generally aim to berth them at 20 mins past the hour after the Dunoon ferry departure, allowing us 30 mins turnaround before the next Dunoon ferry sailing. Sometimes due to volume of traffic the vessel is delayed which in turn impacts on the Dunoon service but we try hard to avoid this. Occasionally if it is the Coruisk on the run this makes things tighter as she takes longer to manouvre than the smaller vessels but the same principles apply.

The busses are a fall back if there are no vessels sailing so are not used as a matter of course if one is off the service for whatever reason.

I hope this is helpful.