

I would like to respond to Mr MacPhail's portrayal of my stewardship of Glenforsa Airfield.

During my tenure aircraft movements have increased from 192 movements per year to 881. I am expecting this trend to continue due to our continued promotion of Glenforsa Airfield to the General Aviation Sector.

I have carried out extensive drainage works on the airfield which has restored the runway to 100% safe usage from the 50% previously available.

Maintenance of fencing and gates is ongoing and carried out during the season when livestock is not present on the airfield.

I have made a significant investment in equipment for the maintenance of the airfield much of which has had to be replaced due to degradation as a result of being stored outside.

It is my understanding that I am responsible for the maintenance of 50% of any fencing and not 100% as stated on several occasions by Mr Macphail. This has been confirmed by Argyll and Bute Council Estates Department.

I am available to provide a licensed radio service and weather information to the Scottish Air Ambulance Service 24/7. This service is provided free of charge.

I am involved in the installation and maintenance of the Emergency Lighting System that enables the Air Ambulance to safely operate at night.

Hope this helps

Brendan