ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

Bute and Cowal ACPG

CUSTOMER SERVICES

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Cowal Transport Forum Exception reporting to Area Community Planning group

1. SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this Paper is to advise the Area Community Planning group of the main activities of the Transport Forum over the last few months

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Area Community Planning Group Members:

- 2.1 Note the highlight/ exception reports from the Partnership meeting
- 2.2 Acknowledge the work of the group.
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific areas of work which the ACPG wishes the Transport Forum to consider developing further

3. DETAIL

3.1 The Cowal transport Forum is a strategic partnership group chaired by Cllr McNaughton with a brief to look at all aspects of transportation in the Cowal Area, this includes both ferry operations and leisure as well as roads issues such as the problems experienced at the "Rest And Be Thankful"

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 **Policy** Adoption of the proposal will assist in delivery and reporting

of aspects of the SOA and the Community Plan

4.2 **Financial** None.

- 4.3 **Personnel** None
- 4.4 **Equalities Impact** None. **Assessment**
- 4.5 **Legal** None

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Cowal Transport Forum Exception Report				
Theme	Task/Project	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
Roads Infrastructure Includes trunk and private roads	A83 – the rest	The transport forum remain very concerned about the Future plans for the Rest The forum is specifically concerned that the proposed convoy system will not work in the event of the main road being closed Cllr Semple attended the April Meeting as lead councillor for transportation by video conference and indicated a desire to remain involved with the Forum	Cllr Semple shares the forums Desire that Bute and Cowal be well connected by roads and ferry infrastructure and continues to raise this and related issues at HITRANS and in correspondence with the Scottish ministers	
Travel Safety Includes issues that and individuals may encounter such as pedestrian safety, road traffic accidents, water safety, public transport safety	Signage request Bus stop at Argardten	The forum has asked agin that a number of signs be considered by the various responsible agencies (Transerv, Council and transport Scotland) to both notify road users when there is an issue on the road (or ferries) The forum are working with the Forestry commission to promote the use of the path between the Ardgarten caravan site and the bus stop at the visitor centre in order to minimise the number of people putting themselves at risk by walking on the carriageway A concern was raised about ambulance access at the WDC end of the A83 at Milton should the A83 be blocked for any reason This issue is being highlighted to WDC	Cllr Semple has lent his weight to this task and the forum is now in correspondence with the various agencies and hopes to have some success in the near future. Signage is seen as key to a successful tourism industry and so remains high on the agenda There is no update on this since the centre has not been re-let as yet. Once this is done then the forestry commission can have the necessary discussion with the new tenant.	
Ferries	Ticket recognition Timetables/info	Argyll Ferries have announced a point of point bus service which kicks in whenever the ferries are unable to sail, The Forum is working with the Bus providers, the council and the ferry operators to ensure that adequate timetable information is available in the waiting rooms at either side of the Dunoon Gourock crossing	Both operators are being encouraged by the forum to continue to develop the "island hopping" type ticket recognition which si seen as a enabler both for local people but also for tourists There appears to be a difficulty in getting McGills to provide a regular supply of timetables to the terminal buildings,this continues to be pursued	SFR Stats
Environmental issues	A83 land at top being purchased	The Purchase of the Land is now virtually complete, and discussions are on-going re the precise size of the turning circle	The Timber transport group are being invited to the next meeting to discuss future plans and road safety	

