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MINUTES of MEETING of CAMPBELTOWN FERRY SUB-GROUP held in the TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN on FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2013

Present:

(Chair)

Councillor John Semple

Councillor Anne Horn

Melissa Stewart

Stuart Green

Allan Finlay

Flora Grant

Stuart Ellis

David Roberts

Peter Griffiths

Ewen MacDonald

Colin Craig

Argyll and Bute Council

Argyll and Bute Council

Argyll and Bute Council

Ardshiel Hotel

Machrihanish Dunes

HIE

CalMac

Explore Campbeltown

West Coast Motors

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated by Neil Clapperton.

2. **MINUTE**

The Minute of the previous meeting held on 30 September, 2013 was approved.

3. **DRAFT TIMETABLE**

The Chair tabled a draft revised 2-year timetable prepared following a stakeholders meeting on Arran and invited review and discussion from the group.

Discussion ensued on the various aspects and implications of the revised timetable. The general consensus was that it would be more beneficial for the local economy in Campbeltown if more impetus was given to the 'in and out' direction of ferry travel as opposed to 'out and in flow'

Decision

The group agreed:-

1. The Chair would consult with stakeholders on a more suitable timetable and, with the agreement of stakeholders, promote this as an alternative timetable to Transport Scotland suggesting that there should be provision for a day trip which the proposed timetable currently did not have, there should be sailings on a Saturday evening and that there should be no Arran connections.

2. That if the alternative timetable could not be considered by Transport Scotland, then the timetable used for 2013 should continue to operate.

4. MEETING WITH TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

This was discussed under Item 3.

5. MEETING WITH CALMAC MARKETING TEAM

The Chair gave the group an update on a recent meeting held with the CalMac Marketing Team and introduced Peter Griffiths, CalMac Group Public Affairs Team.

Peter updated the group on the various initiatives currently undertaken by CalMac on various routes. He advised on the media advertising sites CalMac utilised to promote the Company. The Chair requested that CalMac help promote the various local events in the Kintyre area. Peter stated that these were publicised on relevant routes and included the forthcoming Christmas market in Campbeltown. He advised the group of the focus of some major events for 2014 which included – 2014 Homecoming.

Peter's contact details are as follows:-

Peter.griffiths@davidmacbrayne.co.uk

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6. SIGNAGE

The group gave further discussion to the issue of signage in Ardrossan and the need to address this issue.

The Group agreed that Signage would be retained on the Agenda for further discussion.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The group agreed the future meeting dates as follows:-

25 April, 2014

1 August, 2014

31 October, 2014

8. AOCB

There was no other business.

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