

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

Area Community Planning Group

CUSTOMER SERVICES

June 2014

Cowal Transport Forum Report to the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group

1. SUMMARY

1.1.1 The purpose of this paper is to update the Area Community Planning group regarding the main pieces of work undertaken in the last reporting period by the Cowal Transport Forum CTF).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Community Planning Group:

- 2.1 Note that the Cowal Transport Forum is a strategic partner of the Area Community Planning Group;
- 2.2 Note the report provided below (If further detail is desired the full minutes are published on the Council website) and;
- 2.3 Consider whether there are any specific tasks or issues which it wishes the Cowal Transport Forum to undertake or review.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The Cowal Transport Forum is a partnership group focusing on infrastructure and general transport issues including ferries, buses and roads which underlie underpin the sustainability and development of the local economy. The forum members include representatives from service operators, the Council and communities in the area. The forum undertakes various pieces of work both individually and as a group, to ensure that the infrastructure is fit for purpose and is able to support and develop the local economy. Meetings are quarterly with occasional subgroup meetings as required by the Agenda.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 **Policy** The recommendations are in accordance with council policy and improve reporting on aspects of the Single Outcome

Agreement and the Community Plan.

- 4.2 **Financial** None,
- 4.3 **Personnel** None
- 4.4 **Equalities** None.
- 4.5 **Legal** None
- 4.6 **Customer Service** None

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CTF Highlight - Exception 2014

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SOA Theme	Topic	Issue and Actions	Comment	Outcomes/ Indicators
People live active, healthier and independent lives.	Parking	West Coast Motors have continued to experience difficulties with cars parking inappropriately at the ferry terminal.	cars have been parking in the Bus spaces meaning an increased danger to passengers entering and alighting from a bus. This has also resulted in vehicular damage.	
	Kayak trail	The forum were advised of the creation of the new A&B Kayak trail.	this is a great tourism opportunity and ferry operators agreed that where appropriate kayaks could travel on their boats free of charge – in same way as cyclists.	
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	A83	The ongoing issues about Landslips closing the road on a semi regular basis was discussed and the viability of the alternative routes (both the old military road and the Crianlarich diversion were considered. Signage at Strachur. Turning circle at rest.	The Chair and Ian McInnes will attend Scottish Transport to see for themselves the modelling software being used. Signage on the Crianlarich diversion was very poor (No sign at all at Tyndrum T -junction issue to be raised again with BEAR. It is also unclear from the signage that ferries can be used. Forum noted the improved signage at Strachur – many people have commented positively on it , similar signs are desired for Inverary, and outside Helensburgh at the Argyll and Bute sign past the Stonemollen roundabout. The Purchase has now completed and all necessary planning permissions have been granted. The tender is coming to the end of its standstill period and work will start imminently.	
	Ferry Interconnections	Hopscotch ticket are being considered but the operators as part of their tourism strategy-allowing passengers to organise “day out” trips .	Additional Parking is available at the forestry car [park and this will remain .	
People live active, healthier and independent lives.	Bus Linkages	The changes to the bus timetable requested by the	There are a number of concerns re the changes and these are being addressed with the school.	

		Grammar school were discussed		
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Ferry interconnections	Western ferries advised that a recent transport Scotland leaflet had been published without mention of the interconnectivity of the ferries. This is being addressed.		