

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

Cowal Transport Forum ACPG

CUSTOMER SERVICES

September 2014

Cowal Transport Forum (CTF) Report to the Bute and Cowal Community Planning Group (CPG)

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 CTF is a strategic Partner of the CPG;
- 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 CTF to undertake or review.

3. DETAIL

3.1 The CTF is a partnership group focusing on Infrastructure and general Transport issues including ferries, buses and roads which underlie the sustainability and development of the local economy. The forum members include representatives from the Service operators, the council and the 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. The Forum last met on 6th June 2014

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy** The recommendations are in accordance with council policy and improve reporting on aspects of the SOA and the

Community Plan.

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| 5.2 | Financial | None, |
| 5.3 | Personnel | None |
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None. |
| 5.5 | Legal | None |

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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. It was also suggested that this was an issue at western ferries terminal	
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	<p>A83</p> <p>Turning circle at rest</p> <p>Ferry Interconnections</p>	<p>Transport Scotland Attended the meeting and outlines which the current netting solution was the best available Transport Scotland also agreed to attend either a caucus meeting or to visit CCs to discuss local concerns</p> <p>Signage at Strachur.</p> <p>.It was noted that this is a much more complex engineering project due to the geology of the area than previously thought consequently it has been delayed</p> <p>Hopscotch ticket are being considered but the operators as part of their tourism strategy-allowing passengers to organise "day out" trips .</p>	<p>It was noted again that signage on the Crianlarich diversion was often very poor issue to be raised again with BEAR.</p> <p>It is also unclear from the signage that ferries can be used</p> <p>A report is going to BEAR asking that these issues be addressed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Additional Parking is available at the forestry car park and this will remain .</p> <p>Calmac have accepted a tender for a new ticketing system</p> <p>CMAL are considering upgrading their facilities at Gourrock/Kilcreggan and there is a new ferry on the Portavadie route</p>	
People live active, healthier	Bus Linkages	The changes to the bus	The changes are to take effect as of August 2014	

and independent lives.		timetable requested by the Grammar school were discussed	There had been a concern that toward Ardentenny timetable was overly tight and did not allow enough time for the ferry connection- This has hopefully been addressed.	
We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth.	Ferry interconnections	Western ferries had advised that a recent transport Scotland leaflet had been published without mention of the interconnectivity of the ferries. This is being addressed.		