

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARGYLL AND BUTE HARBOUR BOARD HELD ON A
HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY
MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Present: Councillor Ross Moreland (Chair)

Councillor John Armour
Councillor Gordon Blair

Councillor Andrew Kain
Councillor Andrew Vennard

Attending: Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director
Andrew Summers, Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services
Scott Reid, Marine Operations Manager
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dougie MacFadzean and Maurice Corry.

DEPUTATION

The Chair intimated that a request for a Deputation to be heard by the Board had been received on behalf of Mull and Iona Ferry Committee.

The Chair advised that this Deputation had been received out with the timescale as provided within the Council's Standing Orders; but advised that it was his intention to use his discretion to hear the application at shorter notice as contained under Standing Order 18.3. The Harbour Board unanimously agreed to hear this Deputation.

The Harbour Board heard a deputation from Joe Reade on behalf of Mull and Iona Ferry Committee in relation to Craignure Pier and its planned replacement.

The Chair thanked Mr Reade for his presentation and advised that he was welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Argyll and Bute Harbour Board held on 20 March 2025 were approved as a correct record.

4. PORTS & MARINE FACILITIES SAFETY CODE 2025

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided a summary of the important changes made in the Port Marine Safety Code update published this year and explained the changes which the Council as a Port and Marine Facility operator need to make to

their existing Marine Safety Management System to continue their compliance with the new 'Code'.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Infrastructure Service, dated August 2025, submitted)

5. MARINE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - WORKS UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to an update regarding the Capital works being carried out to develop and upgrade the Council's marine infrastructure.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board noted the update on the major programmes currently being addressed within Argyll and Bute Council's Marine Asset Management Plan.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated August 2025, submitted)

Councillor Blair joined the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

6. MARINE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - FUNDING

Consideration was given to a report informing members of discussions and measures being undertaken by officers to determine options for how the Marine Asset Management Plan is to be implemented and funded.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board endorsed that officers continue to engage with Transport Scotland on future funding options for the Marine Asset Management Plan, which could include potential ownership transfer, grant funding and fixed income model with a future update provided to the Harbour Board.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated August 2025, submitted)

7. ARGYLL AND BUTE HARBOUR BOARD WORKPLAN

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board workplan was before the Harbour Board for noting.

Decision

The Argyll and Bute Harbour Board noted the content of the workplan.

(Reference: Argyll and Bute Harbour Board Work Plan dated 11 September 2025, submitted)