



**Minute of Ferry Users Group Meeting  
(Oban, Colonsay, Iona, Lismore, Coll, Tiree, Barra, South Uist)**

**Held at CalMac Ferry Terminal, Oban  
09:00 18 April 2007**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**

Mr Dave Duthie, Head of Transportation  
Mr Blair Fletcher, Transportation Manager  
Councillor Duncan MacIntyre  
Councillor Alistair MacDougall

**COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR**

Councillor Angus MacDonald

**HITRANS**

Mr Randal Robertson, Transport Development Officer

**CALMAC FERRIES (CFL)**

Mr Lawrie Sinclair, Managing Director  
Mr Phil Preston, Operations Director  
Mr Hugh Dan MacLennan, Head of Community and  
Customer Care  
Mr David Taylor, Regional Manager

**ARGYLL & THE ISLES ENTERPRISE (AIE)**

Mrs Jane Macleod

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr Ian Fox, Regional Manager, CFL;  
Councillor Robin Currie, Argyll & Bute Council;  
Councillor Donald Manford, CNES

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**ITEM 1: Appointment of Chair**

Mr Duthie welcomed all to the meeting, if all in agreement he would Chair this meeting, that Chair would be appointed by full committee once this convenes.

**ITEM 2: FUNCTIONS OF THE GROUP**

Chair explained background of consultation process of Tier 1 and Tier 2, that the Ferry Users Groups would operate under the auspices of the Regional Transport Partnerships.

**2.1** Mr MacLennan reported that CFL was in process of Bid Tender, that document is almost complete for submission to the Scottish Executive. Within the document, they are to include the provision of an Area Ferry Forum, which will effectively act as a first point of contact with community groups for CFL to filter out any day to day, local issues as they arise.

**2.2 It was agreed:**

Routes to be covered by the group shall be:

1. Oban to Colonsay
2. Oban to Coll and Tiree
3. Oban to Craignure (Mull)
4. Oban to Lismore
5. Mull to Iona
6. Kilchoan to Tobermory
7. Lochaline to Fishnish
8. Oban to Barra and South Uist

**2.3** Mr Sinclair warned the group that there is a major flaw in the ITT that it does not refer to Tier 1 and Tier 2 arrangements, HITRANS not included in their process. Chair clarified CFL position/process, issue to be taken back to HITRANS to raise this with the Minister.

**2.4 It was agreed:**

Any change in terms of consultation on any operating circumstances made by the operator is that the Minister must refer these variations to the Tier 1 (and/ or Tier 2) committee within the 40 day period for setting such a change

**ITEM 3: MEMBERSHIP**

**It was agreed:**

- HITRANS to nominate a single representative
- Councils – Argyll & Bute Council, Highland Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar will be asked to nominate a single member representative, and one Council officer to advise. In event of a major issue arising for a particular community ward member can be asked on an ad hoc basis.
- CFL to have Regional Manager, Director, with Hugh Dan MacLennan to be day-to-day point of contact.
- Local Enterprise – HITRANS to write to Argyll and the Isles Enterprise for nominee.
- FTA/RHA - HITRANS to write to both to request nominee.
- Tourism – HITRANS to write to Visit Scotland Area Director for nominee.
- NFU – HITRANS to write to NFU Scotland for nominee.
- Scottish Crofting Foundation – HITRANS to write to Scottish Crofting for nominee.
- Community Councils – HITRANS to write to the Association of Community Councils for a single representative. Should a community council wish to raise an issue they may also send a single representative to make the case for their community.

- Bus Operator – HITRANS to write to CPT for nominee.
- Rail – HITRANS to write to FirsScotrail for nominee
- Port Authority – HITRANS to write to Caledonian Marine Assets Ltd for confirmation that CFL will represent them.
- Local Business – In the absence of Chamber of Commerce, HIE to Advise HITRANS who to contact for nominee, with a maximum of two

**3.1 Voting Rights:** It was agreed one Member one vote on issues to be taken to Tier 2, these votes should not include CFL, Harbour Authorities, HITRANS or Council officers (and any single issue community council present, as would be represented in vote by Association of Community Councils).

It was proposed that the Tier 2 committee should have two business community representatives.

**ITEM 4: Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed next meeting of group would take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**ITEM 5: CalMac Consultative Arrangement**

Covered under item 2.1