



**Minute of Ferry Users Group Meeting
(Islay, Kintyre, Jura, Gigha, Colonsay)**

**Held at the Cairnbaan Hotel, Lochgilphead
13:00 17 April 2007**

IN ATTENDANCE

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

Mr Dave Duthie, Head of Transportation
Mr Blair Fletcher, Transportation Manager
Councillor Duncan MacIntyre
Councillor Robin Currie (Islay)

HITRANS

Mr Ranald Robertson, Transport Development Officer

CALMAC FERRIES LTD (CFL)

Mr Hugh Dan MacLennan, Head of Community and Customer
Care
Mrs Fay Harris, Regional Manager (Kennacraig)
Mr Ian Fox, Regional Manager (Oban)

ARGYLL & THE ISLES ENTERPRISE (AIE)

Mr Carl Reavy

APOLOGIES:

Mr Phil Preston, Ops Director, CFL;
Mr Lawrie Sinclair, Managing Director, CFL;

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 group should include Tarbert – Portavadie and Claonaig – Lochranza for the purpose of links through Kintyre.

That the Kintyre group will cover services to Colonsay that leave from Kennacraig.

The Oban group will cover services to Colonsay that leave from Oban.

Taylinloan - Gigha

The group be called **Kintyre and its Islands**,

ITEM 3: MEMBERSHIP

It was agreed:

- Councils – Argyll & Bute Council will be asked to nominate a single member representative, and one Council officer to advise.
- CFL to have Regional Manager, Director, with Hugh Dan MacLennan to be day-to-day point of contact.
- HITRANS - representative will be from group area.
- 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 relating to their particular ferry service, they may also send a single representative to make the case for their community.
- Bus Operator – HITRANS to write to CPT for nominee.
- Port Authority – HITRANS to write to Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd for Nominee.
HITRANS to write to Tarbert Harbour Association for nominee.
- Local Business – In the absence of Chamber of Commerce, AIE to advise HITRANS of an appropriate nominee or business group to contact.

3.1 Voting Rights:

It was agreed one Member one vote on issues to be taken to Tier 2, these votes community council present would be represented in any vote by the Association of Community Councils representative).

ITEM 4: Date of Next Meeting

Mr MacLennan advised that timetables supplied by CFL are for information only, as part of the tender process and going to print in July. Also, due to security measures check in time might need to be extended to 1.5 hours, timetable implications may then become a significant operational issue. The Chair advised if so, the matter would be taken to Tier 2, who would take the issue forward to the Scottish Executive. To reflect the timetable imposed on the Operator for printing the timetables, by July 2007, it was agreed the first meeting of the full group should take place on 19 June 2007.

ITEM 5: CalMac (CFL) Consultative Arrangement

Covered under item 2.1