



**Minute of Clyde Ferry Users Group Meeting  
(Arran, Bute, Cumbrae, Cowal)**

**Held at Held at CFL Terminal Building, Gourock  
11:00 27 July 2007**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**HITRANS**

Mr Randal Robertson, Programme Manager

**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**

Councillor Bruce Marshall

Mr Douglas Blades

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL**

Councillor George White

**NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

Councillor Alex Gallagher

**STRATHCLYDE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPORT (SPT)**

Mr Mike Heyes

**CALEDONIAN MACBRAYNE LTD (CalMac)**

Mr Lawrie Sinclair, Managing Director

Mr Hugh Dan MacLennan, Head of Community and  
Customer Care

Mrs Fay Harris, Regional Manager (Kintyre & Islay)

Mr Robbie Brown, Regional Manager (Arran & Cumbrae)

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

Mr Lennie Moffat

**ROAD HAULAGE ASSOCIATION (RHA)**

Mr Donald Bannatyne, Director

**NATIONAL FARMERS UNION (NFU)**

Ms Elizabeth Robertson

**FIRST SCOTRAIL**

Mr John Yellowlees, External Relations Manager

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Duncan MacIntyre, HITRANS  
Mr Eric Stewart, SPT  
Mr Blair Fletcher, Argyll & Bute Council  
Councillor Margie Currie, North Ayrshire Council  
Councillor Len Scoullar, Argyll & Bute Council  
Mr Mike Dean, Citylink  
Mr Robbie McConnell, Visit Scotland

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**ITEM 1: Appointment of Chair**

Ranald Roberson welcomed all to the meeting, advising HITRANS/SPT representative would chair all future meetings. As no members present from either HITRANS or SPT, Councillor George White proposed by Donald Bannatyne, seconded by Elizabeth Robertson appointed Chair for the day, with a strong representation that this should be a full appointment.

**ITEM 2: Minute of Meeting 18 April 2007**

The minute of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007 was **approved** with clarification that item 2.2 as the Clyde and Hebrides.

**ITEM 3: Minute of HITRANS Partnership Meeting 18 May 2007**

Ranald Robertson advised that the minute of the 18<sup>th</sup> May HITRANS meeting was included on the agenda for information only not for approval. The minute **was noted**.

**ITEM 4: CalMac Ferries Ltd Winter 2007 Timetables**

Lawrie Sinclair advised changes/enhancements have been made to timetables as part of the tender submitted by CFL for the operation of Clyde and Hebridean ferries. This tender is still under consideration by the Scottish Executive. CFL expect to take over service on 1 October 2007 and are awaiting agreement on fare levels for summer 2008.

Donald Bannatyne asked that there be recorded the appreciation of the people of Arran to the improved winter timetable which has been long sought by the community.

Mike Heyes asked for clarification on the trains listed for connections with the Rothesay ferry at Wemmys Bay. CFL representatives explained this.

**ITEM 5: Draft Terms of Reference**

Ranald Robertson advised that the draft terms of reference were for information only and had not yet been approved by the HITRANS Board.

Lawrie Sinclair raised objection to CFL representation they would like more members, not reasonable to restrict CFL representation This proposal was supported by the members present.

Donald Bannatyne strongly argued that the Terms of Reference must allow the Group to appoint its own Chair. This was also supported by the members present particularly Liz Robertson who asked that a show of hands be given on this. The majority of those present agreed when asked for a show of hands including the members from North Ayrshire Council and Inverclyde Council.

**Action:** All members agreed to come back to the HITRANS office manager with their comments on the Draft Terms of Reference and should comments be submitted they would be considered by the HITRANS board at the time of their meeting to discuss this item.

**ITEM 6: AOCB**

Cllr Bruce Marshall raised an issue with CFL from a constituent. This was the limited mention made of Cowal in the CalMac Explore brochure.

H D MacLennan assured that the full Cowal timetable would appear in the 2008 Explore brochure.

**Item 6.1:** H D MacLennan raised issue of the SUTRANET report on State Interventions regarding Government funding of ferries. Hugh Dan asked that the group read this report.

**Action:** H D MacLennan to send report to HITRANS for circulation to members.

**Item 6.2** HD MacLennan updated on progress with CFL's own consultation arrangements. Hugh Dan confirmed these are to operate under the title of Area Ferry Forums.

**Item 6.3** Lawrie Sinclair asked that the minutes of the Tier 1 meetings be available online. Ranald Robertson and Mike Heyes confirmed the minutes will be published on both SPT and HITRANS websites.

**ITEM 7: Date of Next Meeting**

Friday 14 September 2007 in the Gourock area at the same time was provisionally agreed by members.