

**MINUTES of MEETING of COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM held via SKYPE
on MONDAY, 24 MAY 2021**

Present: Councillor Alan Reid (Chair)
Councillor Bobby Good
Councillor Audrey Forrest

Attending: Melissa Stewart – Governance Officer
Martin Arnold – Contract Officer
Tommy Gore – Area Operations Manager, Calmac
Gordon Ross – Western Ferries
Alistair McLundie - Western Ferries
Iain Slorach – Client Manager, Calmac
Iain Catterwell – Timber Transport Group
Chief Inspector Emma Grimason – Police BT/4 0 0 1 202 575.78 Tm(T)49(i)-27(n)

that were uncovered on sea trials. In terms of service reliability the Forum noted that both the Dunoon/Gourock and the Colintraive/Rhubodach routes had 12 sailings cancelled with 99% and 100% respectively of those sailings running on time and that the

modelling of predicted service levels and the Forum noted that CalMac, as the operator, provided data from last 10 years to Transport Scotland and that the demand for the routes was to be discussed at Reference Group meeting on 28 May 2021.

Outcome

The Forum noted the update and agreed to continue the item.

(d) Shore Side Infrastructure at Dunoon

The Forum noted that there was nothing further to update until the Forum's next meeting in August 2021.

Outcome

The Forum noted the position.

The Ferries representatives left the meeting at this point.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND

The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Emma Grimason, Police Scotland, to her first meeting with the Forum.

CI Grimason introduced herself and informed the Forum that she will be supported by the newly appointed Inspector John Forrest. She gave an update on matters she had recently been attending to, which included working with the Community Engagement Team to establish a Day of Action to be held on 27 May in Dunoon. This will see an increased police presence in the area with the aim to pro-actively address problem areas through education such as bike marking at the Band Stand in Dunoon, safe passing distances when vehicles overtake cyclists, a speed detection event to address complaints in the Bullwood Road area, promotion of a national motorcycle campaign reporting on high

6. TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

(a) VMS and Manual Signs

Neil MacFarlane, Transport Scotland, updated the Forum in relation to VMS and manual signs and highlighted that the main issue with VMS is finding a mains connection and due to the costs involved advised the Forum that signage will be reviewed between medium and long term solutions as part of a move towards relying on social media and radio travel updates for information.

As there was no one present from Kilfinan Community Council to give an update there was no discussion on the item.

Outcome

The Forum noted the position and agreed to continue the item.

10. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The Forum discussed the circulated Council policy regarding giving out information about road closures or temporary works. Willie Lynch, Dunoon Community Council, gave examples of this policy not having been implemented and it was agreed that the detail of these examples would be fed back to the service for further enquiry.

Confirmation was sought and received around the maximum timescale of 18 months that a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order can be in place for.

Outcome

The Forum agreed to forward Willie Lynch's observations to the Executive Director responsible for Roads and Infrastructure and to keep this WLto3F001(a)-64>600552