

# LOCHABER TRANSPORT FORUM

## Minutes of Executive Meeting held

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 10.00, the Duncansburgh Church Hall, the Parade, Fort William

**Present** - Brian Murphy

Benny MacDonald

John Barnes

Flora McKee

Tony Dobson

Lucy Cooke

**Apologies** - Allan Henderson

Mike Cooper

Arthur Cowie

- Flora introduced Lucy as the Officer covering Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh for the Highland Third Sector Interface.
- **Minutes of last meeting** held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were approved by the Board.
- **Matters Arising**  
Under Matters Arising Benny passed on the list of queries to Mike and thought Ali may be attending today. It's hoped he'll be at the full meeting to follow.

The Forum received support from several Councillors for the CRP Report into additional trains on the West Highland Line. A letter of support was also included from the Forum.

- **Development Worker's Report**

In addition to the report the Forum received a query about Citylink coaches not stopping at designated bus stops. Benny enquired with Peter Knight and got assurances drivers will be informed of operating to the timetables. Some drivers also had issues about only taking passengers who had pre booked. Peter clearly stated there is no requirement to pre book though it's recommended at certain times.

Lucy mentioned she has had issues booking from Corran when heading north saying tickets could only be booked from Fort William.

- **Correspondence**

Benny received confirmation from Iain Erskine, CalMac, he hopes to attend the meeting to follow. He has been seconded as Area Operations Manager for Argyll and Lochaber.

John said the new CEO of Lochaber Chamber of Commerce, Frazer Coupland would like to take an interest in local transport.

- **West Highland Community Rail Partnership**

There will be a full report at the meeting to follow.

There was an update on Corpach Station Building which the community had wanted renovated and used by a local group. Demolition seems the easiest option because of costs and the current state of the building.

- **AOCB**

Brian gave recent reports about the closure of the local Abellio Call Centre.

John – it will soon be 125 years since part of the West Highland Line opened from the south to Fort William. We hope to commemorate this with a special excursion.

- **Date of next meetings**

There will be Executive Committee Meetings prior to the following meetings.

The next Bus User's Group Meeting is on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30 in the Duncansburgh Church Hall.**

The next Transport Forum Meeting will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 in the Duncansburgh Church Hall.**

**From meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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