

# LOCHABER TRANSPORT FORUM

## Minutes of Executive Meeting held

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 – 10.00, The Duncansburgh Church Hall, the Parade, Fort William

**Present** - Brian Murphy

Benny MacDonald

Arthur Cowie

Mike Cooper

John Barnes

**Apologies** - Tony Dobson

Allan Henderson

Flora McKee

- **Minutes of last meeting** held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved by the Board.

- **Matters Arising**

Under Correspondence Benny reported the issue raised about the lack of a short length of pavement close to Aldi along the A82. The reply from Dot Ferguson, HC, said, as it relates to a trunk road it should be brought up with Transport Scotland.

Under Data Protection, Benny said he had intended putting a note out with the minutes of the previous May Meeting but they were delayed until after the GDPR deadline. After discussion it was agreed there must be clarity with the new regulations and those on the Forum database have the opportunity to confirm agreement of their details being held.

Under AOCB Benny explained he was unable to provide a letter of support for the work in the Strontian area to access a minibus for health related journeys. He received an email to say the application process took much longer than expected and there had been no time to give him a background report.

- **Development Worker's Report**

Benny went through his report.

There was further discussion on the pavement issue at Aldi's. Arthur has raised this with Transport Scotland along with other similar issues. He gave a contact for Bear Scotland who may be able to help.

John said there had been a stile over the fence to access the viewpoint opposite the shopping centre. This wasn't replaced during the roadworks.

There is also an issue with accessibility when crossing the bridge near the Claggan football park to the old ice rink area.

- **Correspondence**

Benny received bus related emails which can be discussed at the Bus User's Group to follow.

- **Current Stagecoach Services**

Mike gave a short update. The temporary contracts for the 41 and 44 services are in place as previously discussed. HC have extended the current contract with Shiel Buses for the daytime services N46 and N47 between Upper Achintore and Corpach to include evening services. This will begin from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Longer contracts are being arranged. There will be more discussion on the Bus Group Meeting to follow.

Arthur suggested having an open day with an accessible coach available for passengers to look around. This will help wheelchair users and people with mobility problems to understand more about accessing vehicles. This has been discussed at previous Forum Meetings.

With new bus contracts being put in place there was discussion on the need for new timetables to be issued.

- **Meetings - HITRANS STAG Strategy & West Highland Line Review**

Brian raised accessibility issues at the HITRANS Strategy Meeting as there had been no mention.

Benny received feedback from the West Highland Line Review. There were no minutes from the meeting but a note of actions to be taken and another meeting in October.

Arthur was concerned Community Councils had not been invited. Only Oban CC attended as they asked directly to be involved.

It was agreed there needs to be Councillor and local input.

- **West Highland Community Rail Partnership**

Benny attended the May Board meeting in Glenfinnan.

The finance for 2017/18 is ready to go to the accountants.

- **AOCB**

Arthur gave notice of changes to CalMac management with the confirmation of Robbie Drummond as Managing Director. There are also several other staff changes.

- **Date of next meetings**

		Venue
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Exec Meeting and Open Forum Meeting	Duncansburgh Church Hall.
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Exec Meeting and Bus Group Meeting	
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Exec Meeting, AGM and Open Forum Meeting	
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Exec Meeting and Bus Group Meeting	

**From meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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