

LOCHABER TRANSPORT FORUM

Minutes of Executive Meeting held

Tuesday 20th March 2018 – 10.00, The Duncansburgh Church Hall, the Parade, Fort William

Present - Brian Murphy
Benny MacDonald
John Barnes
Arthur Cowie
Mike Cooper
David Summers

Apologies - Tony Dobson
Cllr Allan Henderson
Flora McKee

- **Minutes of last meeting** held on 6th February 2018 were approved by the Committee.

- **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

Brian altered the agenda order and asked David for an up to date report on Stagecoach services in Lochaber. Full details of this will be discussed at the Bus Meeting to follow.

- **Development Worker's Report**

Benny went through his report.

There was a discussion of timetables. Benny said nothing has changed and winter changes have not been used. Mike said timetables for the Bus Station had been sent out.

Brian explained the previous enquiries he made about the bus shelter at the Medical Centre and had hoped work would have begun.

The faulty door at Fort William Railway Station is now operating again.

Regarding the query about the timetable change for the morning school bus from Camasnagaul Pier to Ardnamurchan High, Strontian, which leaves before the ferry arrives. Mike explained the bus has to leave earlier because of changes to the school opening hours. There are no plans to alter the time of the ferry to continue with a connecting service.

- **Correspondence**

Benny received details of changes to the West Coast Motors 918 Fort William/Oban service. This will connect with Citylink changes to the 919 service.

There have been more breakdowns reported with Stagecoach services

Both of the above matters will be discussed at the Bus Meeting to follow.

- **Meeting with Alex Hynes, MD, ScotRail Alliance**

John reported this had been a very positive meeting.

Arthur said SATA have organised a trip to the ScotRail Control Centre in Springburn as offered by Alex Hynes at the meeting.

The minutes will be finalised and sent out very soon.

- **MiDAS**

Mike mentioned HC will be training staff to provide MiDAS Courses to Council drivers.
 David will be attending a Community Transport Meeting in Edinburgh on 16th April.
 Benny completed all courses which had been booked. There have been individual enquiries from drivers who would like to complete the course.

- **West Highland Community Rail Partnership**

The WHCRP have just received a letter from the Transport Minister to confirm there will a full review of the West highland Line this summer.

The CRP are using annual income from Abellio/ScotRail to appoint a consultant to help with development work. This will begin on 1st May.

Arthur – Allan Brooking who worked as a Community Liaison Offer to support CRP’s has left ScotRail. He had been very helpful to the WHCRP.

- **AOCB**

Arthur said the replacement at the CTA in Edinburgh for John MacDonald is Derek Young. He is interested in attending a Transport Forum Meeting.

Arthur – SATA are still working on the survey of accessible taxi’s and PHC in Scotland.

- **Date of next meeting**

The following two meetings have been changed to Fridays;

		Venue
Friday 11th May	Exec Meeting and Open Forum Meeting	Duncansburgh Church Hall
Friday 22nd June	Exec Meeting and Bus Group Meeting	Duncansburgh Church Hall
7 th August	Exec Meeting and Open Forum Meeting	
11 th September	Exec Meeting and Bus Group Meeting	
30 th October	Exec Meeting, AGM and Open Forum Meeting	
11 th December	Exec Meeting and Bus Group Meeting	

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From Meeting 11th May 2018

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