

LOCHABER TRANSPORT FORUM

Minutes of Executive Meeting held

Friday 14th December 2018 – 10.00, the Duncansburgh Church Hall, the Parade, Fort William

Present - Brian Murphy
Benny MacDonald
Arthur Cowie
John Barnes
Allan Henderson

Apologies - Tony Dobson
Mike Cooper
Flora McKee

- **Minutes of last meeting** held on 26th October 2018 were approved by the Board.
- **Matters Arising**

Arthur is awaiting word of work to begin for the extension of the pavement at Aldi. It was mentioned the new advert for Faryma Joinery on the bus stop heading east at the retail park isn't transparent.

Action – to be reported to Mike Cooper.

Also to be reported – blocked drains at Fort William Bus Station which gather surface water. There is low overgrowth on the pavement leading round from Ardnevis , Claggan into the industrial estate. This is causing problems for walkers.
- **Development Worker's Report**

The report written by the CRP for a new rail timetable between Glasgow and Mallaig is ready to be sent. Lochaber Access Panel, Friends of the West Highland Line, Lochaber Chamber of Commerce have added to the report along with the Transport Forum who wrote a letter of support.

Action – The Forum to contact local Councillors asking Leader Andrew Baxter for support.

The Electronic Boards at Fort William Bus Station along with timetables at stops was discussed. A box had appeared on the board with bus info within the rail station. Benny reported this recently and it was cleared. He explained the difficulty of reporting this, HITRANS have to log issues with the operator who check for faults. Changes may not be done immediately. Brian said it would be beneficial if HITRANS could make these changes.

John said there are many similar problems with station signs for railway timetables. Information is regularly wrong.
- **Correspondence**

Benny received an email from HITRANS saying a new Active Travel Officer will be in post in January. They also want to have the active travel map for Fort William soon.
- **Dates of meetings for 2019**

There was discussion on which day of the week to hold Forum and Bus Group Meetings. Responses to the query which went out with previous minutes suggested Tuesday's are more suitable.

It was agreed to continue using the Duncansburgh Church Hall. It's close by the rail and bus stations and there is a small room available to allow the committee to meet prior to full meetings.

- **West Highland Community Rail Partnership**

Benny has kept the finance up to date and completed reports for ScotRail funding.
The November Board Meeting was held in Kilmallie Community Centre.

- **AOCB**

There was no AOCB

- **Date of next meetings**

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

The next Transport Forum is on **Tuesday 12th February at 11.00 in the Duncansburgh Church Hall.**

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

From meeting 14th February 2019

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