

# LOCHABER TRANSPORT FORUM

## Minutes of Executive Meeting held

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 10.00, the Duncansburgh Church Hall, the Parade, Fort William

**Present** - Brian Murphy  
Benny MacDonald  
Tony Dobson

**Apologies** - Allan Henderson  
Flora McKee  
David Summers

Because of limited attendance the meeting was not quorate and therefore did not go ahead as planned. There were discussions on various matters without decisions being made.

- **Minutes of last meeting** held on ~~26<sup>th</sup> March 2019~~ 14th May 2019 were not approved by the Committee.

- **Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising.

- **Development Worker's Report**

Benny gave his report with the following additions.

He reported discussions continued by email regarding the condition of Fort William Bus Station. The lack of regular cleaning and misleading timetables has been raised regularly. Benny has been checking the area frequently.

Public Transport provision for the development on the Blar Mhor has been discussed at full meetings and enquired about by email. Brian said the clinical model for the new hospital is required before setting out a transport plan.

There continues to be phone & email enquiries regarding local transport to the Forum. Many are about Corran Ferry with some which Benny can't answer. It would help if there were more ways available for travellers to contact Highland Council.

- **Correspondence**

There was discussion on the path opposite Mark & Spencers which leads to the viewpoint. A second fence has been erected blocking the route. It was thought this may just be temporary while the reinstated grassed field matures.

Benny received a recent phone call regarding misleading info for public transport on some websites. He explained this has been raised at meeting in the past and the sites are usually unofficial so shouldn't be used. They are not supported by transport operators and not regularly updated.

- **Recent Meetings**

Benny passed on the requested paperwork to the office of Kate Forbes, MSP, after the recent meeting with her. She will enquire about various issues raised.

- **West Highland Community Rail Partnership**

Benny gave notice of a line closure in October for the area around Corroul to Bridge of Orchy for major improvements. Signs were put up at the stations with no local consultation. Station cafes were still open and nearby accommodation was booked during the closure with no or limited alternative access. There was also a wedding booked at Corroul which had to be re-arranged. The CRP raised the issue with Network Rail.

- **AOCB**

Benny and Brian will attend the Strategic Transport Projects Review Update (STPR -2) later in the week. Brian said it's important that the congestion problems in the town are included in the report.

- **Date of next meetings**

There will be an Executive Committee Meetings at 10.00 on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August followed by an open Transport Forum Meeting in the Duncansburgh Church Hall.**

**Meeting from 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

- **Minutes of last meeting** held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were accepted by the Committee as notes because of the limited number in attendance.