

## **ARDROSSAN TASKFORCE**

### **Seventh Meeting – 13 August 2018**

#### **Note of meeting**

##### **Attendees**

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity  
Kenneth Gibson, MSP  
Cllr Joe Cullinane, North Ayrshire Council (NAC)  
Karen Yeomans – (NAC)  
Laura Friel – (NAC)  
Doug Coleman – Peel Ports Ltd (PP)  
Gary Hodgson – Peel Ports Ltd (PP)  
Bill Calderwood – Arran Ferry Committee (AFC)  
Lorna Spencer - Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL)  
James Anderson – CMAL  
Graeme McGinty – CMAL (consultant)  
Pauline Blackshaw – CalMac Ferries Ltd (CFL)  
Graham Laidlaw – Transport Scotland (TS)  
Caroline Connelly – Transport Scotland (TS – Secretariat)  
Richard Hadfield – Transport Scotland (TS)

##### **Apologies**

Kevin Hobbs – CMAL  
Julian Farrar – Ironside Farrar Ltd

##### **Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions**

1. Mr Matheson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

##### **Item 2 – Update on Actions from last meeting**

2. There were no issues arising and actions were accepted as undertaken or covered in today's agenda. The minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2018 were agreed.

##### **Item 3 – Update on the work of the Ardrossan Steering Group**

3. Richard Hadfield introduced the presentation with an update on the work of the technical group including
  - Governance Structure
  - Progress Report
  - Service Continuity during construction
  - Communications and engagement strategy

- Funding
  - Irish Berth (longer term)
4. Mr Matheson thanked the group for their work since this project began in 2016 and re-affirmed the Scottish Government's commitment to the Ardrossan Harbour upgrade project.
  5. The Governance and Statement of Sponsor Requirements (SOSR) papers were formally agreed by the Task Force.
  6. There was further discussion on the updates whereby the members of the Task Force agreed that whilst a lot of good work had already been undertaken, there was more to be done particularly in preparing for disruption during the planned major marine infrastructure works. Mr Matheson re-iterated that no decisions had been made on service continuity, and that any decision would be based upon full consideration by the Task Force of the evidence , including on socio-economic impact, with the aim of ensuring that a reliable and safe service continues to be provided to Arran.
  7. CFL confirmed LNG procurement issues including safety compliance which will be subsumed into the Ardrossan Harbour specification.

#### **Item 4 –Update on the new vessel construction from CMAL**

8. Vessel fabrication for the MV Glen Sannox was now at 100% and detailed delivery timescales were confirmed to the Task Force, following Mr Matheson's recent discussions with FMEL.

#### **Item 5 –Next Steps**

9. The Task Force agreed the following work be taken forward –
  - Communications Strategy including public information events
  - Service Continuity
  - Governance structures
  - Funding
10. Communications Group is leading on comms for this project, with a programme being progressed with input from all members.

#### **Item 6 - AOB**

11. Date of next meeting – to be scheduled around November 2018.
12. Terms of Reference – Caroline Connelly confirmed that the TOR will be updated to ensure alignment with Governance and SOSR papers.
13. GDPR – Task Force members re-affirmed their consent in accordance with GDPR guidelines for the Minutes to be published.