

ARDROSSAN TASKFORCE

Sixth meeting – 21 March 2018

Note of meeting

Attendees

Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands
Cllr Joe Cullinane, North Ayrshire Council (NAC)
Karen Yeomans – NAC
Doug Coleman – Peel Ports
Lorna Spencer - Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL)
James Anderson – CMAL
Pauline Blackshaw – CalMac Ferries Ltd (CFL) CFL
Kenneth Gibson, MSP
Bill Calderwood – Arran Ferry Committee (AFC)
Richard Hadfield - Transport Scotland (TS)
Val Ferguson – TS

Apologies

Robbie Drummond – CFL
Kevin Hobbs – CMAL
John Nicholls - TS
Graham Laidlaw – TS

Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions

1. Mr Yousaf 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 7 February were agreed.

Item 3 – Update on the work of the Tech group

3. Richard Hadfield introduced the presentation with an update on the work of the technical group including
 - an update on the recent simulation testing
 - detailed analysis of options 2 and 2A
 - group recommendation of option 2
 - funding paper to be finalised for consideration over the Easter break
4. Mr Yousaf thanked the group for their work and agreed the group's recommendation to progress option 2 subject to agreement on funding.

5. There was further discussion on how this option could be delivered and the impact on services best managed but until further work on delivery options was developed and, ultimately, a contractor was appointed the detailed works timetable could not be finalised.

Item 4 – Update on the new vessel construction

6. Vessel fabrication for the MV Glen Sannox was now at 100% and detailed delivery timescale was under discussion.

Item 5 – Update Brodick

7. Brodick works are now complete with expected official opening in April.

Item 6 – Operational update from CalMac Ferries Ltd

8. CFL are now planning crew recruitment, training supplier tendering and LNG procurement issues.

Item 7 – Next steps and milestones

9. The Task Force agreed the following work be taken forward –
 - Communications strategy
 - Governance structures
 - Funding discussions

Item 8 – AOB

10. Bill Calderwood requested a review of annual maintenance planning for vessels on the route as the MV Isle of Arran will not be available over the busy Easter period this year.