

## **MINUTES OF EXPERT FERRY GROUP MEETING: 10 MARCH 2016, VICTORIA QUAY, EDINBURGH**

### **Present:**

- Professor Alf Baird – Napier University
- Michael Craigie – ZetTrans
- Drew Collier – CalMac
- Allan Comrie – Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
- Roy Pedersen – Author and consultant
- Ranald Robertson - HITRANS
- Gordon Ross – Western Ferries
- John Nicholls – Transport Scotland
- Richard Hadfield – Transport Scotland
- Brian Gordon – Transport Scotland

### **Apologies:**

- Professor Iain Docherty – University of Glasgow
- Tom Docherty – Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd
- Brian Fulton – CalMac (Drew Collier attending on behalf)
- Gordon MacLennan – SPT (Allan Comrie attending on behalf)
- Guy Platten – UK Chamber of Shipping

### **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

1. John Nicholls welcomed members to the Expert Ferry Group meeting and introductions and apologies were made.
2. Roy Brannen has succeeded David Middleton as Chief Executive of Transport Scotland. Roy has asked John to chair the meetings going forward, but Roy will attend meetings where possible.
3. Kevin Hobbs will shortly be succeeding Tom Docherty as Chief Executive of CMAL. Kevin will be invited to join the Expert Ferry Group in due course.

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

4. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 October 2015 have now been agreed and published on the Transport Scotland website along with associated papers.

**Action** - It was agreed that Michael's Craigie's presentation he delivered on 'Stakeholder Engagement', which has now been circulated to members, would be published alongside these papers.

### **Modal Integration**

5. Ranald Robertson and Allan Comrie gave a presentation on transport integration issues. These presentations will be published on the Transport Scotland website.

6. There was agreement that there should be a joined up approach to providing integrated travel, and that timetable setting across different modes would benefit from better alignment and longer lead in times. Where integration is not possible, it would be helpful to communicate why this is the case to the public.

7. Links to RET, smart ticketing and the National Transport Strategy were discussed. Members agreed that transport integration is a highly complex area and there are many challenges to achieving integration. However members agreed the discussion was useful and each can take away thoughts to their own areas of work.

### **Norwegian Policy Analysis**

8. Following Roy Pedersen's presentation on 'Scandinavian/Scottish Ferry Comparisons' at the previous meeting, Richard Hadfield considered which areas would be worth prioritising for further exploration and produced a paper. The group agreed this should become a working document of issues to consider going forward.

**Action** - The group agreed to identify 2 or 3 issues from the paper to take forward.

9. Group members put forward that they would like to discuss procurement at the next meeting, including ferry services and vessels, which was agreed by John Nicholls.

### **Vessel Replacement and Deployment Plan**

10. Richard Hadfield provided an update on the Vessel Replacement and Deployment Plan (VRDP) work. The 2015 VRDP refresh will be published summer 2016, following engagement with the successful CHFS2 bidder.

11. The Group asked if they could input to the VRDP before publication. Richard Hadfield confirmed this would be possible, if timing allows.

### **Next Meeting**

12. Given the next meeting is due to take place during the next Parliamentary term, Transport Scotland will need to seek confirmation from the new administration on the future of the Expert Ferry Group. Subject to confirmation the Group will continue, the next meeting will be scheduled for around July/August.

13. Issues to be discussed at the next meeting would include procurement and 2 or 3 issues identified by the Group from Richard's paper.

### **AOB**

14. The Group expressed a wish to provide a paper to Ministers summarising the issues discussed to date, which they feel also would be useful for a new Minister.

Transport Scotland will ask for Ministers' views on this as part of the advice on the future of the Group.

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