

A83 Taskforce Meeting 16 Minutes

Venue: 3 Villages Hall, Arrochar

Date: 5 June 2019, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Present:

Hugh Gillies (HG) – Chair	Transport Scotland
Jonny Moran (JM)	Transport Scotland
Fiona Brown (FB)	Transport Scotland
George Fiddes (GFi)	Transport Scotland
Jackie Baillie MSP (JB)	Scottish Parliament
Michelle Van Der Stighelen (MVDS)	Assistant to Brendan O’Hara MP
Cllr Aileen Morton (AM)	Argyll & Bute Council
Cllr George Freeman (GF)	Argyll & Bute Council
Cllr Alan Reid (AR)	Argyll & Bute Council
Cllr Shonny Paterson	Argyll & Bute Council
Pippa Milne (PM)	Argyll & Bute Council
Jim Smith (JS)	Argyll & Bute Council
Eddie Ross (ER)	BEAR Scotland
Ian Stewart (IS)	BEAR Scotland
Calum MacLean (CMacL)	Georope
John Hair (JH)	Forestry & Land Scotland
Jane MacLeod (JMacL)	Chamber of Commerce
Kenny MacLeod (KMacL)	Chamber of Commerce
Claire McMurchy (JN)	Highlands & Islands Enterprise
John Semple (JS)	NFU Scotland
Iain Catterwell (IC)	Argyll Timber Transport Group
Mary Haggarty (MH)	Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui CC
Ronnie MacDonald (RMacD)	Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui CC
Ronnie Ross (RR)	Arrochar, Tarbet & Ardlui CC
Iain MacInnes (IMacI)	Lochgoil CC
Dianne Paton (DPa)	Lochgoil CC
Debbie Donald (DD)	Cairndow CC
Jane Gauld	Slanj business owner
Tom Ireland	Slanj business

Apologies:

Seamus Leheny	Freight Transport Association
Gordon Ross	Western Ferries
Lucy Sumsion	NFU Scotland
Michael Russell MSP	Scottish Government
Brendan O’Hara MP	UK Parliament
Cllr Roddy McCuish (RMcC)	Argyll & Bute Council
Cllr Dougie Philand (DP)	Argyll & Bute Council
Cllr Aileen Morton (Leader) (AM)	Argyll & Bute Council
Martin Reid (MR)	Road Haulage Association

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	Description	Action
1	Welcomes, Introductions & Apologies	
	<p>HG opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and offered apologies on behalf of Cabinet Secretary Michael Matheson.</p> <p>Apologies were intimated by JM as per previous page.</p>	
2	Review of Minutes of Meeting of 15th November 2018	
	<p>HG handed over to JM to review the actions from the previous meeting on the 15th November 2018.</p> <p>Item 2 – The Rest bus stop TRO. JS advised that ABC have concluded the TRO process to address the inconsiderate parking at the bus stop and they are considering enforcement options. ABC will write again to West Coast Motors on this subject to ask why they are not using the facility.</p> <p>Item 2 – VMS sited in Inveraray advising drivers of the diversion route. Transport Scotland have a temporary arrangement in place for Inveraray when the A83 is closed for long periods, a temporary VMS will be sited in Inveraray advising drivers of the diversion route. Transport Scotland is currently exploring options for a more permanent solution and will consult with local stakeholders before making any decision. An update will be provided to the Task Force when available.</p> <p>Item 3 – BEAR have a programme of drainage works for the A83 that is updated annually. BEAR to review the current programme and add in additional areas of concern for the A83.</p> <p>Item 6 – Regarding the request from the community council to change the Succoth speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. TS propose to retain the existing 40mph speed limit. TS Road Safety team to correspond with MH.</p> <p>Item 6 – The issue of lack of lighting of the Cairndow junction with the A83 at the war memorial. TS Strategic Road Safety team to reply to the local Community Council.</p>	<p>ABC</p> <p>Transport Scotland</p> <p>BEAR</p> <p>Transport Scotland</p> <p>Transport Scotland</p>
3	Update on programmed works – Catchpits and Hillside Planting (Presentation from BEAR Scotland)	
	<p>HG invited IS of BEAR Scotland to present on programmed works for the A83. IS highlighted the significant resurfacing investment during FY 2018/19 and the planned works for the coming year. The 2019/20 programme of work has been designed to address the highest priority locations across the network including known drainage issues.</p> <p>IS then provided an update on the catchpit works and planned next steps. Information was also provided on the new rock bunds at Glen Kinglas. In conclusion, an update was provided on the planned next steps for the hillside planting scheme.</p> <p>Some discussion followed the presentation with some clarifications sought from the audience on proposed works.</p>	

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4	Strategic Transport Projects Review 2	
	<p>Jacobs presented an overview of the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 and how this will be consulted on within the Argyll and Bute region. Details were provided on the summer consultation programme for the project and how residents of the region can feed into the process. Some discussion took place on the problems and opportunities for the region. Next steps for the commission were outlined with a view to reporting findings in the winter of 2020.</p> <p>A general discussion followed on types of interventions and solutions that would be included within the STPR2 and how this may be funded.</p>	
5	General Discussion / AOCB	
	<p>A general discussion then took place with the following questions being raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR asked if the various coloured options for the RABT are still on the table? Yes, these options will be considered as part of STPR2. • IMacl asked when the sign boxes for emergency diversions will be in place. The signs / boxes will be in place in the coming months. • JS stated that the timings of the overnight road closures (7pm-7am) are disruptive. It was explained to JS that working at night is usually the least disruptive time to carry out resurfacing works, and where possible, and when safe to do so, amnesties are provided for traffic. 	
6	Summary and Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>HG thanked all for attending and concluded what was acknowledged as a positive meeting.</p> <p>HG suggested that a further meeting be held in 6 months' time, date to be confirmed.</p>	