

Meeting:	Corran Ferry Steering Group Notes - Actions
Date:	07 July 2022
Time:	19:00 - 20:30
Platform:	MS Teams

Members		Role
Murray Bain	MB	Project Manager
Richard Porteous	RP	Roads and Ferry Operations Manager (Project Lead)
Allan Mccowan	AM	Ferry Foreman
Sarah Fanet	SF	Councillor (Chair)
Kate Willis	KW	Councillor
Liz Siggers	LZ	Councillor
Patricia Kennedy	TK	Ardgour CC
Dr Michael Foxley	MF	Ardgour CC
Gill Calver	GC	West Ardnamurchan CC
Henriette Laidlaw	HL	Morvern CC

Item	Agenda	Action
1.	Intro from the Chair SF acting as chair welcomed the group.	
2.	New Vessels MB provided a presentation on progress being made with the new vessels	
3.	New Supporting Infrastructure MB provided a presentation on progress being made with the new supporting Infrastructure. ACTION - Share presentation with Steering group members MF advised that a local development brief like the West Link will need to be in place. ACTION – Seek clarify on the above Given the importance of the ferry to the Caledonian Way (NCN78) extension of the NCN path along the A82 should also be included in the plans if the slipway and access road are moved. ACTION - Ensure Wallace Stone (Infrastructure consultants) have factored this in.	MB MB MB
4.	Outline Business Case Good progress is being made regarding the first draft of the Commercial, Financial and Management (CFM) cases for the Corran Ferry OBC. Aiming to have this ready for Committee in Aug so that we can incorporate the outputs, add the appendices, and then collate the CFM cases alongside the Strategic and Socio-Economic Cases to complete the OBC.	
5.	Revenue/Capital To mitigate against the reliability and age of the vessels and the lack of capacity and overspill safety issues, we need to scale up the operation by running both the existing vessels in 2024/25 - prior to phasing in the new vessels in 2026/27. As a result, the Ferry income would no longer cover the expenditure. Therefore, it is essential we secure the	

	<p>required Capital (£58.2M)and revenue to run the service - we are kindly seeking assurance from the Minister for Transport that there will be a revenue funding commitment for the evidenced shortfall through the Inter-Islands Ferries specific grant – this potentially to cover both the increase in revenue running costs and any capital loan funding. This is something that will need to be addressed during our next discussion with the Minister for Transport and Transport Scotland officers. Date TBC</p> <p>In addition, the Highland Council are working collectively with Orkney, Shetland and Argyll and Bute Councils to produce a joint paper with HITRANS that will be submitted to Ministers to help articulate the Capital and Revenue need for local authority ferry service investment.</p> <p>LUF - Corran did not fit the bill in terms of deliverability and economic justification on what was achievable – so it did not form part of our bids at the next round in July.</p> <p>MF advised that TS need to take responsibility for Corran THC needs to include Corran in the capital plan of the new administration and the rationale (Outline Business Case) for investment needs to be on the Agenda at The Convention of the Highlands and Islands (CoHI)</p> <p>ACTION - Discuss at the next project board</p>	MB
6.	<p>Community Engagement - Public Consultation</p> <p>Public Engagement Pre-planning application is set to take place in Sept</p> <p>Proposed venue is The Sunart Centre, Strontian. Consideration all needs to be given for an additional event in Fort William</p> <p>ACTION engage with the editor of De Tha Dol with a view to a big presentation in the September issue to get maximum coverage</p>	MB
7.	<p>Political Engagement</p> <p>A Corran Ferry meeting organised by Kate Forbes MSP with the Transport Minister (Jenny Gilruth) took place - 29 June 2022</p> <p>Following the meeting it was agreed that</p> <p>TS Officers will check why the Corran fixed link was not considered in the STPR2</p> <p>TS will engage with The Highland Council regarding grants, low carbon funding and routes to investment</p> <p>The Minister will speak with Kevin Hobbs (CMAL) to see if they can provide more help to the Highland Council</p> <p>Councillor Ken Gowans invited Jenny to visit the Corran Ferry which was accepted. Date TBC</p>	
8.	<p>Operational Update</p> <p>MoG away at refit</p> <p>Slipway repair complete at Ardgour</p> <p>New Ticketing - Issue with Worlpay holding up delivery of going live. A dedicated resource has been allocated to deal with this issue</p>	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Next Steering group early Sept TBC</p>	