

Minutes

Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire Timber Transport Group

Meeting 24th July 2019 at 10:00

**Council Chambers, Council HQ, London Road, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire,
KA3 7BU**

Attendee: Alex Murray, Simon Stuart, Roland Stiven, Keith Wishart, Alistair Taylor, Derek Nelson, Bill Tyre, Kevin Braidwood, Tom Tryon, Neil Murray, Janice Kelly, Jamie Farquar, Hannah Richardson, Sam Huddleston, Issac Adams, Thomas Winter, Alan Auld, Neil Stoddart, David Stoddart, Radek Zebrowski, Robin Dixon, Robin Taylor, Tom Drewett, Trevor Ford, Andrew Kitching.

Apologies: Sandy White, Doug Howieson, Stuart Colbron, Mike Yerbury, Kerstin Leslie, Ian Downie, Andrew Kennedy, David Smith, Steven Parr, Roderick Leslie Melville, Andy Powell, Ian Harvey, Graeme Gordon, Duncan Mackinnon.

1. Welcome, Introduction & Apologies

AM welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. **SS** then read out apologies.

2. Matters Arising from Meeting 16th April 2019

Issues arising from last meeting will be picked up in agenda items.

Corrections of last minutes were requested, these were;

DN pointed out costal Shipping should be changed to coastal shipping.

NM requested Agreed Route Map amendments be listed within the minutes.

Last meetings minutes signed off.

3. Revised Timber Transport Strategy

SS still working on revised TTS.

The working group met on 10th of July and SS has pulled together comments.

SS to make amendments and send out to TTG participants for 4 week consultation period to allow final changes to draft before next meeting.

4. Local Timber Transport Issues

- a. **Police** – Alan Auld attended in place of Ian Harvey who is the new Ayrshire police contact (details below).

Police speed trap in Beith due to public concerns.

Ian Harveys details are as follows;

Sergeant Ian Harvey, U399
Locality Policing, Ayrshire Division
Cumnock Police Station, 78 Ayr Road
Cumnock, KA18 1EE
Tie line 763 6648
01290 306648

Email Ian.Harvey2@scotland.pnn.police.uk
AyrshireLPSTCumnock@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Hopefully Alan or Ian will manage to supply a contact for South Lanarkshire.

- b. **North Ayrshire** – No Issues.
- c. **ARA** – No official confirmation of successful STTF bids at time of meeting. However, ARA hopeful that bids have been successful and are preparing to start work on the U27 and A713 next month.
There was a request to try and source stone nearby for the U27, **SS agreed to help contact FLS.**

Proposed extraction at Bargany Estate in South Ayrshire has been subject to complaints/ petitions from local residents **KB and SS to attend a meeting with local community council.**

- d. **South Lanarkshire** – No one from SLC could attend the meeting, however SS did bring up the issue of forest entrances which SLC are looking into
- e. **Key council contacts**
- i. NLC – David Hilditch
 - ii. ARA – Kevin Braidwood
 - 1. Keith Jolly – East Ayrshire
 - 2. David Manson/ David McLauchlan – South Ayrshire
 - iii. SLC – Stuart Colbron

5. Timber Transport Group Governance

The issue of governance was discussed with regard to two issues.

1. **Participation** – It was agreed at the meeting that Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire Timber Transport Group wishes to remain a broad church welcoming anyone with an interest in Timber Transport to our meetings.

A restricted membership was not appropriate as we want as many people as possible involved in the industry to be engaged.

2. **Membership** – Paying members are important for the group, not only to show members take timber transport matters seriously and to lend credibility when dealing with outside bodies, but also for Project officer funding to match STTF and to cover any potential shortfall in future if STTS funding is reduced or stops.

KB to send template to base governance document on.

SS to sort out for the group to approve.

6. Timber Transport Officer Updates

- a. **Load Strapping** – Neil Stoddart gave an update to clarify recent developments with FISA and HSE regarding load strapping and clearer guidance will soon be given.

CPC modules to be developed for forestry, including load strapping and risk zones on timber cranes.

- b. **Revised Agreed Routes Map Update** – Amendments to the ARM were agreed.

SS to organise update.

Routes to be amended were;

U93 on Arran Torbeg – Shiskine. Excluded to Consultation.

B880 on Arran south of Shiskine. Excluded to Consultation.

U31 & U68 Dyke Forest, West of Straiton. Excluded to Consultation Route.

U102 southwest of Barrhill, restricted designation to end at Darnaconnar (to be unclassified to the west of this point.

Unclassified Road between Weston and Walston, north of Elsrickle, South Lanarkshire, change from severely restricted to Consultation.

- c. **Working Groups**

- a) **Arran** – Meeting to be arranged for late august with NAC and others to discuss Imachar Pier proposal **SS to liaise with RD.**
- b) **U27** – SS to contact involved parties once have decision on STTS bid and hopefully 2019/20 works complete.
- c) **Andershaw Road** – Once timber exit point data available interested parties will be contacted to discuss timber flows and timescales.

- d. **Timber Flow Information** – Exit point data being updated this year, so hopefully will be able to help identify areas of infrastructure requiring work
SS still trying to obtain any data available from main processors about origins of their roundwood.

- e. **Strategic Timber Transport Fund Update**

Still waiting for confirmation of successful bids.

SS appealed to everyone to bring proposals forward for next year ASAP.

- f. **Timber Transport Project Officer Contract Renewal**

SS is now contracted until the end of March 2020.

7. Timber Transport Forum Update

TTF was held in Edinburgh 28th June.

Items discussed included;

Rural Environment Committee is looking at rural roads.

Alistair Speedie and Roland Stiven met with the new Traffic Commissioner.

Timber Transport conference in North England in 2020 (provisional date 20th March).

The forum has responded to Infrastructure Commission for Scotland call for evidence.

Scottish Timber Expo in Elvanfoot, 22nd/ 23rd August.

Frank MacCulloch arranging a two day visit by Finnish timber transport representatives at the end of August looking at tyre pressure control.

Next TTF meeting, 11th October.

8. STTS Update

- a. Still waiting for official confirmation of successful bids but hopeful that ARA have been successful.
- b. SS reminded everyone we should be looking to 2020/21 now and working up possible bids.

9. A.O.C.B

- a. As Tommy Thorburn has now retired from ARA the group thanked him for all his work over the years.
- b. Egger were thanked for hosting the groups visit at the last meeting.

- c. The plant health flyover is now completed. North Ayrshire/ South Scotland some spread, but not as much as previous years. *D. micans* has stopped spreading, some around Kilmarnock.

14th of December new EU plant passports come into effect, there was a tactical working group on 10th July to progress things.

Competent licensed operators

Date of next meeting 16/10/19 09:30. Likely to be in Ayr.