

Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire Timber Transport Group Meeting

County Buildings Ayr
1.30 pm, 15th November 2011

Present

Neil Dyson	Fountains Forestry
Stan Corcoran (chairman)	Forestry Commission Scotland
David Lodge	North Ayrshire Council
Tommy Thorburn	South Ayrshire Council
Bill Tyre	Scottish Woodlands
Neil Murray	Forestry Commission Scotland
Mark Kirk	South Lanarkshire Council

Apologies

Apologies were received from: Ali Menarry, Roland Stiven

- **Minutes of Meeting 17/05/2011**
- Stan welcomed everyone at the meeting and commented on the low turnout.
- Minutes of past meeting approved
- **Previous Minutes**
- Outstanding items from the meeting of 17/5/2012
- Actions and Matters Arising;
- *Comment on no police presence or communication. New management best Practice Guide to be circulated. ARM map to show more details such as Council boundaries and contact names and numbers for areas. Possible Pencloe STTS bid action to be undertaken.*
- **Police Issues**
- Sandy Philips was the last contact with Strathclyde Police Force, no response to any e-mails. If anyone has contact with this force please raise it with them. No items raised by those present.
- **Ayrshire ARM**
- Proposal to change the Straiton to Ayr road from present Consultation status to Agreed status due to traffic frequency and variable locations this timber travels to and from. This was also extended to discuss the C1 in SAC and the C46w in Dumfries this should also be an agreed route. SAC agreed this in principal, but possible future STTS bids might be affected by this change. A 500m section of road in the areas was discussed for declassification, maps to be supplied SCA accepts in principal.
No changes to be submitted to the FCS for addition to the ARM.
- **Ayrshire STTS projects and update**
- The Barrhill project should have legal's in place any time soon, latest delay has been one change in land ownership. The legal documents will not be completed prior to Stan's retirement in December 2011.

- **STTS Update Funding Update**

- The present year of funding will be difficult to allocate fully as three larger projects have withdrawn at quite a late stage. The STTS management group in conjunction with FCS will try and spend all surplus funds.
- It has been announced that the STTS will be funded into the future, a three year package has been proposed. This will have £3million per year in funds and will also cover the continued Timber Link scheme.
- The recent consultation on Scotland Land Use Strategy was mentioned with the TTF submitting a response.
- Suggested future STTS bid could see web based portal showing cumulative impacts of timber movements on Consultation routes. Neil Murray mentioned that the FCS mobile MSM service is at maximum capacity but a similar solution might fit this idea. Problems with who would run/host the portal and the local authorities have no spare funding for such a project.
- The road alerts have been requested to start up again with the new SoSTTO James England now in place.

- **Local Timber Transport Issues**

- SAC no issues
- EAC no one present no issues raised from those at the meeting
- NAC no issues
- SLC no issues
- Neil Murray raised the fact that brash baling will see a continued presence of haulage through Patna

- **Any Other Business**

- Stan made the announcement of his imminent retirement from the Forestry Commission on the 31/12/2011. As such this will be his last meeting as Chair of the ATTG. On behalf of the group Neil Dyson thanked Stan for all his hard work and dedicated support which he has put into the ATTG.
- Stan made the proposal to the Group that the next ATTG chairman should be Neil Dyson, the group supported this proposal unanimously and Neil accepted the remit to become the next chairman.
- Neil Murray handed out FCS harvesting plans to those Councils present showing planned three year felling coupes. One for Arran will be e-mailed to NAC.

Date of Next Meetings

June and September 2012, exact dates to be confirmed.