**COMPANY: FERRIES COMMUNITY BOARD for CLYDE & HEBRIDES**

**POSITION:**  Ferries Community Board Member

**REPORTS TO:**  Ferries Community Board Chairman

**VACANCY REF:**

**RATE OF PAY:** Voluntary Role

**TERM OF OFFICE:** 36 months, with an option to extend

**TIME COMMITMENT:** 4 meetings per year, plus travel and preparation time, plus informal evening meetings when required. Usually one informal per month.

**DATE ADVERTISED:**

**CLOSING DATE:**

We are seeking energetic individuals who wish to make a difference in the local communities by proactively engaging with a variety of community groups to seek out their views and opinions and are passionate about being a voice for people who live in the communities that we serve. Applicants should demonstrate their knowledge and experience of how lifeline services affect island communities at a strategic level.

If this sounds like you, we are looking to appoint new members to the Ferries Community Board, Clyde and Hebrides.

The Board was set up in 2017 to communicate community’s views on the strategic issues affecting ferry services across the network. Since then, it has worked on a number of initiatives including service improvements and infrastructure development with a focus on economic sustainability.

Once the new members are recruited, the Board normally comprises of 10-14 members including an independent chairperson. It is separate and independent from CalMac, CMAL and Transport Scotland other than the provision of secretarial and logistic support.

Membership will be for 36 months with an option to extend. The Board meets quarterly with travel and reasonable out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

Applicants should be prepared to influence and to think strategically, taking a network wide view.

If you have any further queries, or wish to discuss with the Independent Chairperson, please contact Angus Campbell on anguscampbell8@outlook.com

Applicants can apply here: vacancies@davidmacbraynehr.co.uk

The Contract is delivered through CHFS3 by CalMac Ferries Limited, the UK’s largest ferry operator in terms of ships and destinations served and one of the largest transport operators in Scotland. CalMac operate Ferries and Ports providing essential lifeline services and logistical support to island and remote communities.

For more information please visit our website at

<https://corporate.calmac.co.uk/en-gb/communities/ferries-community-board/>

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**OVERVIEW**

Members should bring knowledge and information from their local communities to collectively bring a network wide view that informs improvements and positive change for service users.

In this exciting opportunity, you will have a strategic impact on shaping various aspects of the crucial role ferries play in tackling demographic change, economic needs and employment, and essential service provision such as health and education. This will be facilitated through board engagement with Government, Transport Scotland, CMAL and CalMac.

Board work is centred around influencing decision makers and gaining service improvements and greater accountability and communication from CHFS3.

**WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT FROM YOU:**

* Meet with members four times a year and have an open dialogue with the Transport Minister, Calmac Ferries Ltd, Transport Scotland and Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL). They are regularly consulted on national transport strategies and recently gave evidence to the RECC Committee.
* Applicants need to demonstrate the ability to engage with a variety of community groups to seek out their views on ferry services and reflect these views back to CalMac.
* Be prepared to travel to board meetings across the network.
* We encourage diversity in membership and are particularly keen to recruit from a wide demographic including youth and accessibility

**CAN I BE A BOARD MEMBER?**

In order to be eligible to apply for the Ferries Community Board, Clyde and Hebrides you must;

* Live in a community served by CalMac
* Be able to attend four meetings per year
* Be able to commit time to preparing for meetings

**THE SELECTION PROCESS**

**ONLINE APPLICATION**

Please ensure that you complete the on-line applications fully and attach a CV which includes a few words on your reasons for applying to be a Ferries Community Board member.

**INTERVIEW**

Interviews are expected to held During May 2025.