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ARDNAMURCHAN

The future of Ardnamurchan Church is a step nearer to being secured after grants were received from the National Churches Trust and Scotland's Churches Trust.

The grants will fund design and feasibility work ahead of a major building project to repair and restore the listed building and re-design of its interior to provide new community services.

Consultation with the community about the future use of the building is on-going and new activities are already taking place or are planned including a community singing group, music events, an exhibition of local arts and crafts and a local heritage exhibition.

The church building, centrally located in Kilchoan, has been at the heart of the community for the past 200 years and is the only church remaining in the area.

Lynne McLuckie of the project working group said: 'It has given us a huge boost to know these two national charitable trusts recognise and support what we are trying to do to restore the historic fabric of the building while developing it as a new community facility. The community has been hugely supportive and we are excited to see ideas coming forward for its future use.'



Ardnamurchan Church.

STROME FERRY

Light vehicles travelling on the A890 will be able to use a road to rail bypass during construction work on the Strome ferry Bypass next month.

From Monday September 3, the A890 will be closed overnight between Ardnarff and west of Attadale from 10pm to 7am. Traffic lights will be in operation during the day between 7am and 10pm while a road to rail bypass road is installed. The contractor has been allowed up to two weeks for the installation of the bypass road but may complete this sooner.



Strome ferry bypass was closed for four months in 2011 after a landslide.

Once the road to rail bypass is installed, a timetable of opening slots between trains will come into operation. It will be available for use between 7am and 10pm by traffic which is less than 7.5 tonnes, box vans which are less than eight metres and mini buses and cars towing caravans which are less than 10.8 metres. Traffic over these limits will not be permitted to use the bypass and will have to divert using the A87, A82, A832 and A890. The road to rail bypass will be closed to all traffic between 10pm and 7am. The rock works are expected to take up to 10 weeks.

Once the rock works are completed, the road to rail bypass will be removed. During this time, the A890 will be closed overnight between Ardnarff and west of Attadale between 10pm and 7am. The road will have traffic control in operation during the day between 7am and 10pm. The road will be fully re-opened by Saturday November 24.

A rock fall in December 2011 resulted in the closure of the A890 at the Strome ferry Bypass for several months. The closure led to major disruption with motorists facing a 130-mile diversion.

Cards detailing the roadworks timetable will be available from local shops and businesses or by contacting garry.smith@highland.gov.uk or 01408 635313.

MORVERN

A new electric car hire scheme is to be launched in Morvern.

Morvern Eco Wheels, part of Morvern Community Development Company, has acquired an electric Nissan LEAF to promote cleaner transport thanks to funding from the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund.

Morvern Eco Wheels will be signing up members to the new community scheme on Saturday September 1 at Lochaline village

Closure of the Strome ferry Bypass A890 from 3rd September 2018

A890 Strome ferry Bypass works

Road closures this autumn

Essential works will take place to the rock face to the west of the avalanche shelter on the A890 Strome ferry Bypass from 3rd September 2018. There will be road closures and traffic management for up to 12 weeks. Restrictions will change as the work progresses.

1. A890 closed overnight and traffic control in place through the day

From 3rd September 2018, the A890 will be closed overnight between the two permanent road closure gates at Ardnarff and west of Attadale between 10pm and 7am. The road will have traffic control in operation during the day between 7am and 10pm whilst a road to rail bypass road is installed. The Contractor has been allowed up to two weeks for the installation of the bypass road but may complete this sooner.

2. A890 closed overnight and road to rail bypass in operation for light vehicles

Once the road to rail bypass is installed, a timetable of opening slots between trains will come into operation. It will be available for use between 7am and 10pm by traffic which is less than 7.5 tonnes (box vans which are less than 8 metres and mini buses and cars towing caravans which are less than 10.8 metres). Traffic over these limits will not be permitted to use the bypass and will have to divert using the A87, A82, A832 and A890. The road to rail bypass will be closed to all traffic between the hours of 10pm and 7am. The rock works are expected to take up to 10 weeks.

3. A890 closed overnight and traffic control in place through the day

Once the rock works are completed, the road to rail bypass will be removed. During this time, the A890 will be closed overnight between the two permanent road closure gates at Ardnarff and west of Attadale between 10pm and 7am. The road will have traffic control in operation during the day between 7am and 10pm. Road to be fully re-opened by 24th November 2018.

Road To Rail Diversion operating timetable

An updated timetable is available at: https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/19476/stromeferry_bypass_timetable

Timetable cards will be available from local shops and businesses from Monday 20th of August 2018 or by contacting garry.smith@highland.gov.uk or 01408 635313

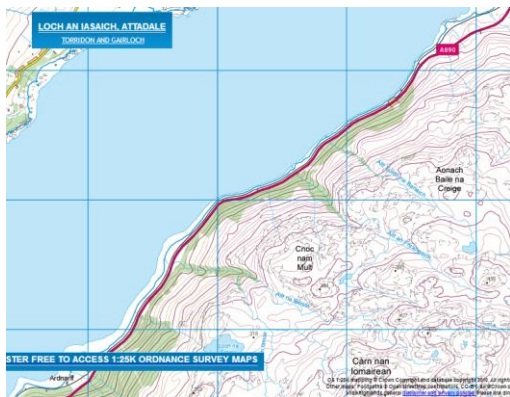
Background

A rock fall in December 2011 resulted in the closure of the A890 at the Strome ferry Bypass for several months. The closure led to major disruption with motorists facing a 130 mile diversion. We commissioned URS Infrastructure and Environment Ltd to carry out an options appraisal for a solution. 31 route options located in 6 route corridors were identified during the pre-appraisal study period. These were sifted to 17 route options. A shortlist was established to take forward to a second stage of more detailed appraisal.

These are:

- 2 northern routes with either a tunnel or bridge across Strome Narrows.
- 5 online options with either a viaduct, tunnel, extended avalanche shelter and shared use rail or road or do minimum on the existing line of the road.
- 1 southern route through Glen Udalain.
- 1 renewable energy option

The detailed appraisal of these routes is still underway but a draft report of the outcomes was presented to local communities at public exhibitions held at the end of March 2014. These exhibitions invited feedback from the communities which is currently being studied. [Stromeferry Options Appraisal Stage 2](https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/maps/map1_13tq.shtml)



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Closure of the Strome ferry Bypass A890 from 3rd September 2018

Strome ferry Bypass timetable

Stromeferry Rock Works—September to November 2018					
Road to Rail Diversion Operating Timetable (Issued 10.08.18)					
Monday to Saturday—(based on published train schedule)					
*0710 to 1030	1135 to 1155	**1425 to 1520	1625 to 1700	***1750 to 1935	2040 to 2200
Sundays - (based on published train schedule)					
To 30th Sept	0710 to 1010	1115 to 1300	1350 to 1500	1605 to 1955	2045 to 2200
Sundays - (based on published train schedule)					
From 7th Oct	0710 to 1300	1350 to 1500	1605 to 2200		
Variations in timetable may occur if trains do not run to schedule. www.highland.gov.uk and search for Stromeferry Bypass. For day time enquiries contact The Highland Council on 01349 886601—Out of hours contact The Highland Council on 01349 886690. Please refer to both sides of this card.					
Special trains not on the Scot Rail schedule					
	Standard opening		Special opening	Special opening	
**18th September	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted		
*19th September	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030	
**25th September	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted		
*26th September	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030	
**2nd October	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted		
*3rd October	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030	
***9th October	1750 to 1935		Road Opening Deleted		
*10th October	0710 to 1030		0810 to 1030		
**15th October	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted		
*16th October	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030	
We are sorry for any inconvenience caused during this essential work to the rock face.					

Download available at: https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/19476/strome_ferry_bypass_timetable