

BRODICK FERRY TERMINAL OPENING POSTPONED

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The opening of the newly upgraded Brodick Ferry Terminal has been postponed.

An official opening ceremony was due to take place on Monday 27th November, led by Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution Derek Mackay and Minister for Transport and the Islands Humza Yousaf. The terminal was expected to be operational and open to the public. However, the new passenger access system has not yet received its final CE marking for operation.

A service of thanksgiving for Mr Stephen Gibbs, a prominent landowner on Arran, is due to take place on the morning of the 27th November.

As a mark of respect for the sad passing of Mr Gibbs and as a result of the CE marking issues, CMAL has postponed the opening event.

A defect relating to the automated door closure on the passenger access system needs to be addressed to meet CE marking standards.

CMAL's Head of Civil Engineering, Ramsay Muirhead explained:

“The certification issue has created an unexpected delay to operations as we were preparing for handover. We are working closely with Adelte, the manufacturer, to find a solution as a matter of priority so that we can get the terminal up and running and open to the public as soon as possible.”

The extensive redevelopment project at Brodick Ferry Terminal represents a major investment of around £30 million, led by CMAL, with support from Transport Scotland, North Ayrshire Council, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Coastal Communities Fund.