

Ferintosh Community Bus S22

From 27th September 2021

Operator:
CSI Ross-Shire/Stagecoach Highland

Service available in the Ferintosh Community Council area, Monday to Friday, between the hours of: 09.30 to 16.00 (Community use outwith these hours - See Leaflet)



Electric Vehicle wheelchair accessible

For bookings phone:
07519 722 456 / 07519 772 376

Who can I contact for more information?
Your local community councillor for this pilot is Bruce Morrison who you can contact on **01349 877 127** or at **ferintoshcc30@gmail.com**



And a BONUS for the FCC area Community
From the 27th September 2021 the FCB will be operated by CSI Ross-Shire with a 5 seater Minibus (Plus a wheelchair accessible space) replacing the current diesel vehicle. Soon after we hope to have volunteer drivers trained, registered, PVG checked and insured to enable the FCB to be available through late afternoon into night time and also on Saturdays and Sundays thus providing essentially a 24/7 service. To plan all possible evening and weekend journeys, please call Bruce Morrison on 01349 877 127.

Who is putting this pilot together?
A partnership of HITRANS, Stagecoach, The Highland Council, CSI Ross-Shire and Ferintosh Community Council (supported by Culbokie Community Trust) has assembled this pilot.



Service No.22 Inverness - Culbokie Monday to Friday

Service Number	22A	22A	22A	22A	22A	22A	22B
Inverness Bus Station	0720	0721	0725	0730	0855	1730	
North Kessock Old Pier	-	-	-	-	-	1746	
North Kessock Yairs Rise	-	-	-	-	-	1750	
Artafallie	-	-	-	-	-	1753	
Tore Fortrose Rd	-	-	-	-	-	1758	
Tore Interchange	0730	0731	0735	0740	0905	-	
Easter Kinkell	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Culbokie Shops	0742	0743	0747	0752	0917	1810	
Culbokie School Croft	0744	0745	0749	0754	0919	1812	

Service No.22 Culbokie - Inverness Monday to Friday

Service Number	25	22	22	22A	22A	22A	22A	22A
Culbokie School Croft	0817	0920	1406	1556	1615	1638	1800	
Culbokie Shops	0818	0922	1408	1558	1617	1640	1802	
Easter Kinkell	-	0929	1415	-	-	-	-	
Tore Layby	-	-	-	1606	1625	1648	1810	
Tore Fortrose Road	-	0940	1426	-	-	-	-	
Artafallie	-	0945	1431	-	-	-	-	
North Kessock Old Pier	-	0950	-	-	-	-	-	
Inverness Bus Station	0835	1005	1439	1620	1639	1702	1824	

What is the Ferintosh Community Bus (FCB)?

The FCB is a new flexible bus service for residents in the Ferintosh Community Council (FCC) area. Complementing scheduled peak services to Inverness that will continue to be operated by Stagecoach (See Service 22 and 25 timetables), the new FCB will operate between 09.30 - 16.00 and take residents to and from Tore Service Station in an Electric Vehicle where passengers can join any of Stagecoach's mainline A9 buses. Passengers can also book journeys between any two points within the FCC area (See map below)

The FCB is an example of a demand responsive form of public bus transport (customised for the FCC area) that, around the UK and beyond, is proving to provide a more accessible, more frequent and more sustainable service for rural residents. Generally, rural residents live considerable distances from fixed route bus services and the FCB can travel all the public roads as a flexible routing service. The frequency of bus journeys can therefore now be increased since the FCB will only be travelling within a small constrained area and will link with the more frequent A9 bus services operated by Stagecoach.

Who can use it?

Just like an ordinary bus, it is available to all residents in (and visitors to) the FCC area. (See map below). The Electric Vehicle is wheelchair accessible.

Where can I travel to and from?

The FCB will be able to travel on all the public roads in the FCC area and collect / drop off residents anywhere where it is safe for the bus to stop and as near to your home as possible. The FCB will then link at Tore Service Station* with all of Stagecoach's A9 bus services south into Inverness and northwards up the A9. Door to door journeys within the FCC area will also be possible.

At the Tore Service Station, the FCB will meet the A9 bus (having diverted off the A9) for passenger transfer. The FCB will plan to arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the arrival of the chosen A9 bus. Passengers will be welcome to use the café /toilet facilities at Tore Service Station or may prefer to wait on the FCB.

*Tore Service Station is open 06.00 - 22.00 (Mon-Thurs), 06.00 - 21.00 (Fri), 07.30 - 20.00 (Sat) and 09.00 - 20.00 (Sun) **Refer to the tear off timetable attached.**

When can I travel?

Stagecoach will continue to operate a peak time Service 22 and 25 timetables (refer to tear off timetable attached) while the FCB will operate between 09.30 - 16.00. The FCB can be organised to collect you in the FCC area for your outward journey or from Tore Service Station for return journey between 09.30 - 16.00 Monday to Friday.

How do I book it?

Phone at any time between 10.00 - 14.00 Monday to Friday to book at least 1 day in advance of travel (every effort will be made to accommodate same day requests). You will then agree with the administrator all the details of the agreed journeys (times and places) and provide a contact phone number. The small FCB runs as a membership service with an easy to complete membership form (no fee, once only completion). There is no requirement to explain the reason for your journey.

Block bookings for specific journeys will not be permitted to ensure all passengers have equal access to the service. However, every effort will be made to ensure that all journeys requested can be scheduled wherever possible.

Will the bus come exactly when I want it?

Because the FCB could be carrying a small number of other residents in other parts of the FCC area, both residents and the administrator will agree a time which will then be adhered to. The FCB will collect you even if you are the only passenger.

What is the fare?

All journeys, including concessionary travel, will be no more costly than current fixed route journeys, even although the journey to/from Inverness is a two bus journey. The National Entitlement Card can be used with this service. Fares on these journeys will be taken on the connecting Stagecoach service. For any journey within the FCC area a 'Pay what you can' fare structure will operate with a recommended £2 return fare (Cash only). The cost of a bus journey is very much lower than the fuel and parking costs of a private vehicle or a taxi fare.

Why is a demand responsive, flexible route and flexibly timed service being piloted?

The current fixed route bus service is used by a very small number of residents. Financial support for public bus services from Councils around the UK is in decline as funding is diverted towards services required by higher numbers of residents. Demand responsive bus services are proving more useful for residents in rural areas and therefore easier for Councils to justify financial support.

Ferintosh Community Bus

Operates between any two points in the Ferintosh Community Council area and to/from Tore Service Station to connect with the services below. 09.30 - 16.00 Monday to Friday

Timetable for Inverness -Tore - Inverness

Showing all Stagecoach buses serving Tore Service Station

Inverness Bus Station to Tore Service Station Monday to Friday

IBS	Tore	Service No.
0915	0927	X25
0945	0957	25
1015	1027	X25
1045	1057	25
1115	1127	X25
1145	1157	25
1215	1227	X25
1245	1257	25
1315	1327	X25
1345	1357	25
1415	1427	X25
1515	1527	X25
1545	1557	25

Tore Service Station to Inverness Bus Station Monday to Friday

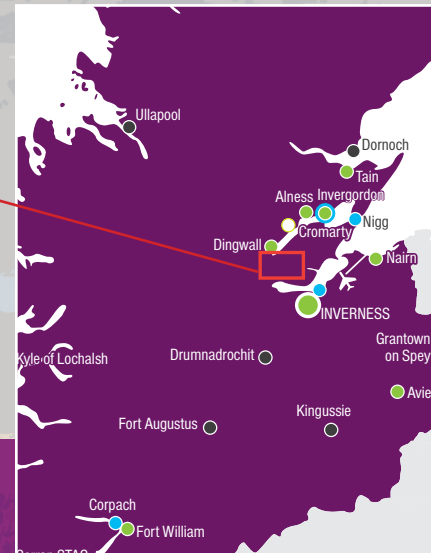
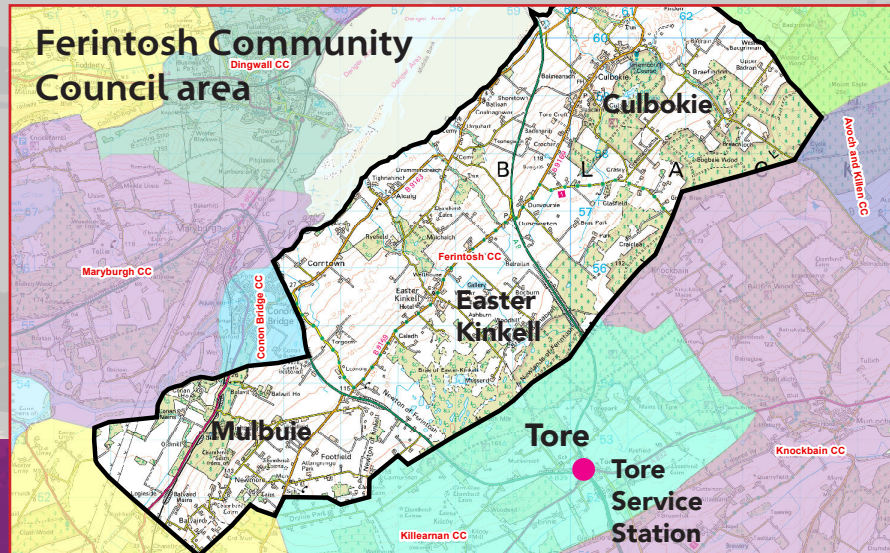
Tore	IBS	Service No.
0941	0956	25
0952	1005	25A
1009	1022	X25
1052	1105	25
1104	1117	X25
1152	1205	25
1204	1217	X25
1252	1305	25
1304	1317	X25
1352	1405	25
1404	1417	X25
1452	1505	25
1504	1517	X25
1604	1617	X25

Inverness - Culbokie Saturdays

Service No.	22A	22
Inverness Bus Station	1055	1410
Artafallie	-	1418
Tore Fortrose Road	-	1423
Tore Layby	1105	-
Easter Kinkell	-	1434
Culbokie Shops	1117	1441
Culbokie School Croft	1119	1443

Culbokie - Inverness Saturdays

Service No.	22A	22
Culbokie School Croft	1122	1444
Culbokie Shops	1124	1446
Easter Kinkell	1131	-
Tore Layby	-	1454
Tore Fortrose Road	1142	-
Artafallie	1147	-
Inverness Bus Station	1155	1443



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