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PUBLIC MEETING

**#SAVE
#OUR
FERRY**

**Nationalise ports
& public transport**

**Monday 28 November, 7pm
Saltcoats Town Hall**

18 Countess Street, Saltcoats KA21 5HW

Speakers:

COLIN TURBETT, Arran resident

GORDON MARTIN, Rail & Maritime workers' union Scottish Regional Organiser

RICHIE VENTON, Scottish Socialist Party

Attend! Air your views on the threat to the Ardrossan-Brodick ferry, and its impact on jobs and transport services. Hear the case for public ownership of all ports, ferries, railways and buses – to put people before profit, services before shareholders.

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LOCAL PEOPLE have been thrown into uncertainty about their future lifeline ferry services. The Scottish government has started what they call “a feasibility study” into where the Arran ferry should sail – with a bidding war breaking out between the competing private owners of Ardrossan and Troon ports.

The Ardrossan to Brodick service has operated for 180 years. But the owners, Peel Ports, have failed to invest to help cater for bad weather conditions, leading to about 1 in 20 sailings being cancelled.

Their rival profit-seekers in Troon, Associated British Ports, lost the SeaCat service to Ireland and are desperately trying to bid and bribe their way into taking over the Arran ferry. That would lengthen sailing times, jack up fares, and decimate the Three Towns – an area already suffering some of the worst levels of unemployment, child poverty and multiple deprivation in Scotland.

The SSP shares the view of most people: Keep it A to B, Ardrossan to Brodick.

But we can't just leave things as they are. The SSP is calling for public ownership of ALL ports so we can plan investment, improvements and job creation.

Likewise we think the chaos on ScotRail trains – overcrowding, overpriced fares, attempts to reduce safety levels with Driver Only Operated trains – makes the case for

democratic public ownership of our railways. The SSP campaigns for all forms of transport – ferries, ports, railways, buses, undergrounds – to be under public ownership. To provide an integrated, expanded public transport network. To create jobs by building and staffing these means of transport. To put people before profit, public safety before shareholders' dividends. And to move to an entirely free public transport system – a radical measure to combat poverty and pollution.

Attend the public meeting – ALL are welcome. Tell us your views on the ferry service. Hear the experiences of passengers, ScotRail staff and local communities. Hear the socialist alternative to mounting job insecurity, transport cuts and profiteering by rival capitalist owners at public expense.

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