



“Much, Much More Than a Mere Transport Project!”

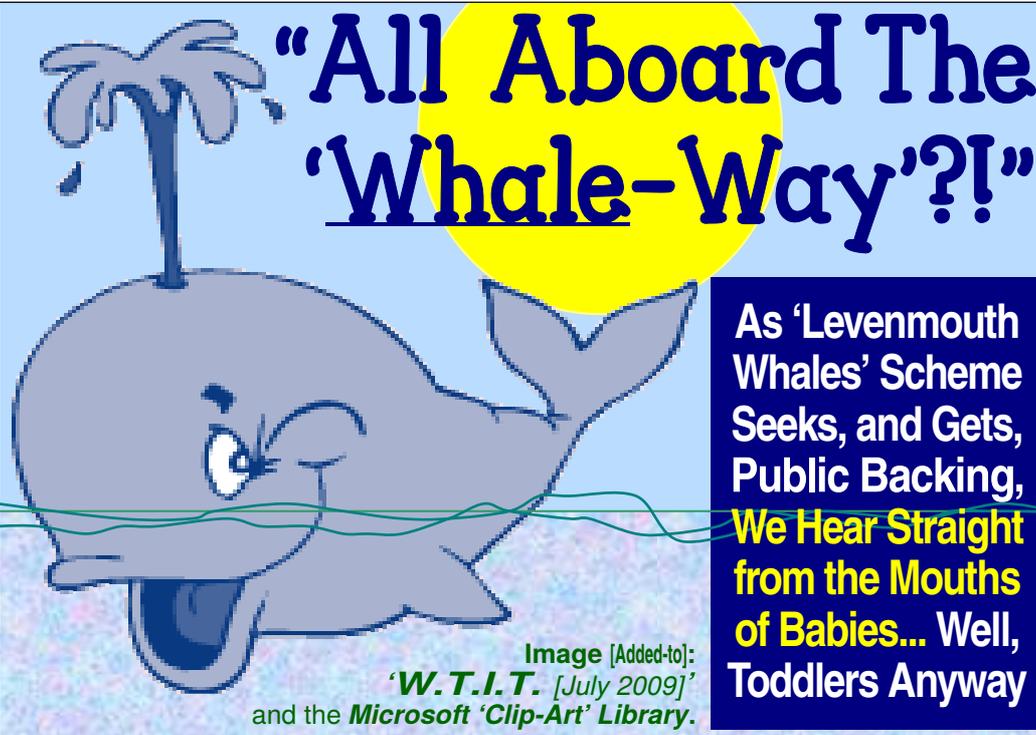


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As 'Levenmouth Whales' Scheme Seeks, and Gets, Public Backing, We Hear Straight from the Mouths of Babies... Well, Toddlers Anyway

As “Covid-19” Changes Our Travelling Habits, Do The Potential Effects of Home-Working Make ...

FREIGHT NOW EVEN MORE IMPORTANT?!

WORRIES About The Future of Commuting, brought on by today's Coronavirus crisis and the surge in home-working around Britain (and the world) appear to make even more-compelling the argument for having a large-scale, *all-services-provided-for*, goods yard with the revived Levenmouth Rail Link.

Facilities for the loading and unloading of modern, multi-modal trains - such as those widely used and championed by *Malcolm Logistics*, who have a contract with the distillers *Diageo* at Leven - as well as somewhere for the safe and secure overnight 'parking' of passenger trains to enable them to be nearer the start-points of early-morning journeys./ [Page2](#)➔

CHILDRENS' Cartoon Characters and the like - such as *Whales* - as well as the way youngsters tend to talk, could be used in future as a way of getting our junior generation interested, perhaps even excited, with the prospect of riding the trains on the Levenmouth Rail Link once it re-opens “in late-2023”, *LMRC News* now believes.

After all, clearly they will be the railway passengers in the decades to come. The proposed *Levenmouth Whales* and their Pier, in Leven, might well lead local youngsters to latch on to a simple-to-remember catch-phrase such as “*The Whale-Way*” ... as some of them *might* say, long before their spelling and grammar are perfected. It could also become something of “an advertiser's dream”, and one that *could* be a name for every-one to remember! *LMRC News* lets you decide.

Mementos of East Fife Line

“Tokens”, Rubber Stamps and Early-1960's Images on DVD... [See Page 3](#) ➔



LMRC's Next On-Line Meeting ...

Tuesday, 29th. Sept'r., at 6.30 p.m..

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"Covid-19" and Effects of Home-Working Making ... FREIGHT NOW EVEN MORE IMPORTANT?!

◀- Cont. from Front Page \ ... This should avoid any need for trains to be driven from depots at places such as Edinburgh, Glasgow or Perth, adding to fuel and wages bills (and, *certainly*, passengers' travel tickets), and also avoid the risk of these trains being prone to the adverse effects of breakdowns, signal-failures, weather or other troubles that can crop up on busy or even over-crowded 'big-city' lines as they travel to the starts of their own journeys.

Considering all this, the chance of having a fully-dedicated goods, or even 'marshalling', yard, where multi-modal, and other, trains can readily be loaded or unloaded, and still make it back on the move in good time, cannot - and should not - be missed for Levenmouth. Having a good and reliable freight service for this district would be ideal for keeping local businesses here, or attracting new ones, is vital for our local economy, and would be an attractive proposition anyway, as a back-up to *future-proof* the Rail Link in case passenger numbers for it do not quite make it to the levels that many industry experts predict them to.

Ready for First, Early-Morning Service From Leven ...

There should, at the very least, be space for whatever train that, on any given day, needs to be made ready for the first, early-morning service from Leven. *LMRC News* has on a few occasions commented on commuters' needs: Just before the October 1969 withdrawal of passenger services, there was a 7.34 a.m. weekday Edinburgh service so, to provide that kind of service, a train that's pretty much ready to go from a Leven depot has to be a better thing for everyone concerned than one that has been driven empty from, for instance, Edinburgh at around 6 or 6.30 a.m., to be in Leven in good time for a "turnaround" and start to a trip. Also, there would be no need to return trains to depots late at night, and any heading out empty, to start services elsewhere, have come to be known by some as *ghost trains*, potentially attracting adverse attention - "Wasteful" - from the media.

Tourism Valuable Here in Levenmouth

In Levenmouth, tourism is a valuable industry, so we would hope that this will eventually see the district through these deeply-troubled times - and that it will ... ➔

Stay Safe ... Protect Others ... Save Lives !

Remember Your Mask ... and the "F.A.C.T.S."* !!

- ★ FACE COVERINGS in Enclosed Spaces;
- ★ AVOID Crowded Places;
- ★ CLEAN Your Hands & Surfaces Regularly;
- ★ TWO-METRE (6ft.) Distancing;
- ★ SELF-ISOLATE if You Have Symptoms.

Stay SAFE ... and Stay SANE!

[* From Official Guide Website.] - says *LMRC News*

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compensate for any lost revenue from less commuters.

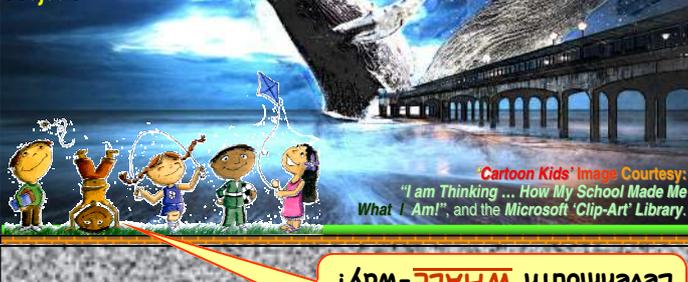
To put it another way, there are so many people in these parts who currently have no work, or little to speak of, that there would be rather more commutes than predicted on the newly-revived railway, not less, once it opens in 2023, and once the [non-welfare or social security] benefits are felt.

Even if several new-starters are able to do their new jobs at home - once the Rail Link brings them - they will also have trains as an option when it comes to day-trips and holidays.



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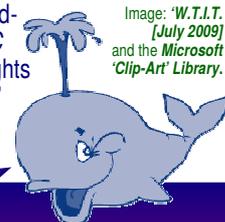
"Hurrah! Hurrah! for the Levenmouth WHALE-way!"

YOUNGSTERS have a renowned "power" of persuasion - dubbed "pester" power, as we reported in May 2016 - and this could come in useful if they, as well as their parents (or guardians), are able to join in their community when it comes to just what they want from the new railway and, indeed, the *Active Travel* cycle-footpaths and all other facilities set to come with it.



Above: Head-line in *LMRC News* highlights young ones' 'powers' of persuasion.

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STILL So Little Sport ... ?

Keep the Ball in Their Court !!!

CAMPAIGN CALLING ...

LOBBY YOUR MSP ... Say *LMRC*,

Please Keep This 'Ball' Rolling ... !

BI-MONTHLY PUBLICATION. - In editions of *LMRC News*, last time, we inadvertently billed the publication as "Seasonal"; it is meant to be issued *Bi-Monthly*, the delayed editions from early-2020 aside.

LMRC "Zooming" Into The Future



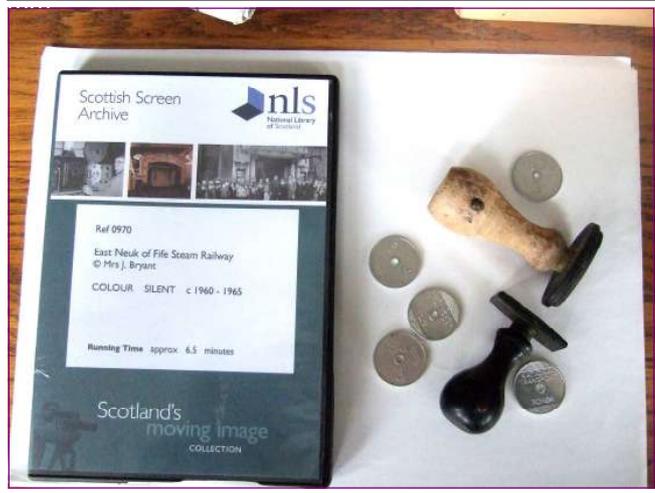
IMAGES: ZOOM
Website Conferencing and Video ; also: L.M.R.C. Members and *Facebook.

Images - Including standard 'Zoom' Graphics - from the on-line, at-home 'Action Committee' meeting of the LevenMouth Rail Campaign on Tuesday, 28th. July.

IN JUNE and JULY the *LevenMouth Rail Campaign* looked to the future and took to internet-based "Zoom" video-conferencing technology so they could resume their regular, monthly 'Action Committee' meetings ... including one that would not have taken place otherwise. Usually, with many members likely to be away on their holidays, *LMRC* meetings are not normally held in July. The *Fife Renewables Innovation Centre*, at Methil Docks, Leven, had just

become their regular meeting place once again, but has been all but remained silent since the campaigners were last there in February, so, in June, and then on Tuesday, 28th. July, they stayed in their homes and switched on their computers, logged into the *Zoom* network with a couple of access codes and found themselves 'on the silver screen' – or whatever the colours of their computer monitors are !

Up to ten members of the *LMRC* then appeared on the screens, as shown **Above**. All the usual topics were covered at the meeting, which was recorded for posterity (see the top-left corner of the main image), such as meetings with railway authority staff or *Fife Council* officers, while *LMRC News* editor had a few moments himself to show to others. ...



Left, Above: The *National Library of Scotland / Scottish Screen Archive* DVD package - including film coverage from the final few years of the *East Fife Line* (copyright of *Mrs. J. Bryce* but on *YouTube* now anyway), with the two rubber stamps and five 'National Transport' tokens with it, that had all been handed to Alistair by a member of the *Colinsburgh & Kilconquhar Community Council*. **Left, Below:** "Stills" from the *East Neuk of Fife Steam Railway* disc, with scenes at Kilconquhar Station - from where the stamps, at least, came - and the nearby bridge under the Ferry Road that starts out from the A.917 near the village of Kilconquhar, leading directly for Earlsferry. Note the cyclist on the platform here! It would have been a long time to wait from September 1965, at the latest, for us and the current Rail Link track-bed to Leven. ... "Here's waiting for the *Active Travel* routes to come with the tracks!"



'REINSTATE THE LEVEN-**EDINBURGH** RAIL-LINK !'

LMRC **NOT** MEETING
LITERALLY, But *Still*
VIRTUALLY ! - - - -

**LevenMouth Rail Campaign
are Sorry to Announce
that, due to Coronavirus,
their usual Monthly 'Action
Group' Meetings at the Fife
Renewables Innovation
Centre are Cancelled 'til
Further Notice ("For the
Duration"), but will Take
Place via "Zoom" Internet-
Based Video-Conferencing**

After Next Month's 'Zoom' Meeting, due on Tuesday, 29th. September, further Meetings are Planned:

LMRC Action Group **'Virtual'** Meeting
— Tuesday, 27th. October, 6.30 p.m.;

LMRC Action Group **'Virtual'** Meeting
— Tuesday, 24th. November, 6.30 p.m.;

LMRC Action Group **'Virtual'** Meeting
— Tuesday, 26th. January, '21, 6.30 p.m.;

LMRC Action Group **'Virtual'** Meeting
— Tuesday, 23rd. February, '21, 6.30 p.m.;

For Other Dates, Events and Details

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OTHER LOCAL CAMPAIGNS COLUMN WITH-HELD

With Apologies, we are having to with-hold our recently-launched 'Other Local Campaigns' column..., except for the planned "Levenmouth Whale Project" that forms the backdrop to our lead story for this edition.

Levenmouth and The Coronavirus Crisis

A LIST of contacts can now be found on the **LMRC Facebook Page** for anyone in need of information, help and / or advice from various groups which are listed there to provide you with useful information.

*"Please Check this List
... and **SHARE**
It !!"*

Coming Next Time in **LMRC News** . . .

**£2bn Boost to Cycling and
Pedestrian Capacity in U.K.;**
**Deprivation Stories Told in
Letters to Local Newspaper**

CAMPAIGN CALL **"LOBBY YOUR MSP!" SAY LMRC**

ALTHOUGH, of Course, we now have the wonderful prospect of the Levenmouth Rail Link being reinstated, the **LMRC** will remain active and continue to keep watch on progress. **If you have concerns at any stage**, you should still write to their MSP, MP or Local Councillor.

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