



West Link Community Liaison Meeting No. 5

Monday 3rd October 2016, 7pm Council HQ.

Present

Graham Ross	The Highland Council
Colin Howell	The Highland Council
John Stephens (JS)	Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd
Declan O'Malley	Coffey/EGS JV
Iain MacLennan (IM)	The Highland Council
Bryan Stout (BS)	The Highland Council
Gordon King	Ballifeary Community Council
Roy Sinclair (RS)	Inverness Rowing Club
Steve Rowan	Lochardil & Drummond Community Council
Maria De La Torre	Lochardil & Drummond Community Council
John West	Lochardil & Drummond Community Council
Steven Clelland	High Life Highland
Andy Macleod	High Life Highland
George Greig	Inverness West Community Council
Brian Mackenzie	Highland Cycle Campaign
John Urquhart	Glenurquhart Road Resident
Alasdair Murray	Glenurquhart Road Resident
James Kidd	Muirtown Community Council
Nancy Urquhart	Glenurquhart Road Resident
Catherine Rees	Glenurquhart Road Resident
Carrie Urquhart	Glenurquhart Road Resident

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1.	Chairman's Introductions & Purpose of Meeting	
1.1.	Cllr Graham Ross opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
1.2.	All attendees introduced themselves to the group.	
2.	Approval of Minutes	
2.1.	The minutes of the meeting of 23 rd May were accepted as read.	
2.2.	2.2 - Roy Sinclair confirmed that he had visited the site and requested a copy of the works programme.	IM
2.3.	3.8 – RS reminded the meeting that there was a regatta taking place on the canal on the 19 th & 20 th November	IM
3.	IWL Stage 1 & Canal Parks Enhancement Works	
3.1.	A video taken from a drone showing the work in progress was shown to the group. Wills Bros provided commentary during the viewing.	
3.2.	Glenurquhart Road residents commented that the height of the new road and roundabout was higher than they had appreciated from the design fly troughs. Subsequent review of the design footage confirmed that the height difference was shown but it was acknowledged that it isn't obvious if you weren't looking for it. Inverness Rowing Club echoed the view of the Glenurquhart Road residents but pointed out that it was obvious considering the level difference between pitches and canal tow path – also commented that they would have preferred even higher to improve rower access under the bridge.	
3.3.	Lochardil & Drummond Community Council suggested that the video be made public. THC confirmed that they intended to upload to the Council web site.	IM
3.4.	Lochardil & Drummond Community Council expressed concern regarding the footways being shared use and asked whether there would be delineation. THC advised that the footways are to be shared use with no delineation. Highland Cycle Campaign confirmed that there had been significant dialogue during the design and the proposals had been agreed. THC to forward footway plans to Lochardil & Drummond Community Council and Highland Cycle Campaign for information.	BS
3.5.	CCTV coverage of the underpasses was raised and it was advised that this is still under consideration. Underpasses are suitable for use by cyclists.	
3.6.	Wills Bros then advised what works are due to proceed in the	

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	<p>coming weeks.</p> <p>Surfacing is programmed for the South side of the river during November. On the North side work to Tomnahurich Roundabout is well advanced and Wills Bros are in discussion with BEAR regarding tie in work on the A82.</p> <p>Work is continuing on the bridge piers and abutments with steelwork due to arrive on site in December.</p> <p>Box culvert sections for the underpasses are due on site next week.</p>	
3.7.	<p>Glenurquhart Road residents raised the ongoing issues with vibration and noise. Whilst they recognise that the work needs to be done they are seeking greater restrictions on certain works at particular times. They also request that agreements reached are adhered to. Wills Bros confirmed that there was still a significant amount of work to do in proximity to the properties. THC proposed a separate meeting to discuss the tie in work on the A82 once discussions with BEAR were further advanced. It was confirmed that access for residents will be included in proposals and be discussed with them prior to implementation. Site phone to be manned later to ensure residents can contact THC if issues arise.</p>	IM
3.8.	<p>Inverness Rowing Club noted that work on the Rugby Clubhouse appeared to have stalled. THC acknowledged that there had been issues. Steelwork delivery is now imminent with new pitch construction not programmed to start until next year so there is float in the programme to deal with these issues.</p>	
3.9.	<p>Lochardil & Drummond Community Council and Glenurquhart Road residents raised concerns regarding encroachment of barriers on the A82 resulting in lack of clarity for drivers as they are required to use a hatched area of carriageway. THC/Wills Bros to review. Pedestrian crossing locations to also be reviewed.</p>	IM/JS
4.	<p>Golf Course Construction and Housing Site Preparation Works</p>	
4.1.	<p>A video taken from a drone showing the work in progress was shown to the group. Coffey/EGS JV provided commentary during the viewing.</p>	
4.2.	<p>Top soil strip is limited to the work areas and is nearing completion and has been carried out under review by archaeologists and ecologists on site.</p> <p>Construction of the new access on to General Booth Road is virtually complete giving access to the site and compound. Noise and vibration monitoring is ongoing.</p> <p>It was noted that some additional trees had been able to be retained adjacent to the access road following concerns raised by residents.</p>	
4.3.	<p>Looking ahead, work is continuing to complete the top soil strip but in general work is moving more to the centre of the site.</p>	

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4.4.	The Great Glen Way is unaffected by the Works as it passes out with the site boundary.	
5.	AOCB	
5.1.	Inverness Rowing Club stated that they are still awaiting answers to several questions relating to Stage 2. These were briefly discussed but THC to review and respond.	BS
5.2.	Lochardil & Drummond Community Council raised questions relating to sports and cycling provision in or following Stage 2. THC advised that this may well be influenced by decisions to be made at Committee on 27 th Oct and remains to be developed and will require budget to be allocated by Council.	
5.3.	Inverness Rowing Club returning to the issue raised at 2.3 above and access for event in November. It was agreed that THC/Wills Bros would meet with Roy Sinclair in Early November to discuss prior to their issue of details to participants.	IM
5.4.	Inverness Rowing Club enquired whether there is any change to Jacobite Cruises requirements following their development at Dochgarroch. This has yet to be established.	
5.5.	Glenurquhart Road residents requested more information on programme relating to work in proximity to their properties. THC happy to share this information and agreed to discuss at a meeting to be arranged.	IM
6.	Date of Next Meeting	
6.1.	Monday 23 rd January at 7pm	