



## West Link Community Liaison Meeting No. 6

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, 7pm Council HQ.

### Present

Graham Ross	The Highland Council
Colin Howell	The Highland Council
John Stephens (JS)	Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd
Anna Kelly	Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd
Joe Towey	Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd
Brian Conneely (BC)	Coffey/EGS JV
Iain MacLennan (IM)	The Highland Council
Bryan Stout (BS)	The Highland Council
Roy Sinclair (RS)	Inverness Rowing Club
Maria De La Torre	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

Point	Item	Action
1.	<b>Chairman's Introductions &amp; Purpose of Meeting</b>	
1.1.	Cllr Graham Ross opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.	
1.2.	Cllr Ross updated the group on progress towards the installation of CCTV cameras at the two underpasses following a meeting the previous week. A site visit is now planned to review the detail requirements.	
1.3.	All attendees introduced themselves to the group.	

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2.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
2.1.	The minutes of the meeting of 23 <sup>rd</sup> May were accepted as read.	
2.2.	Roy Sinclair advised that he had made comment on the draft minutes which had not been incorporated in the uploaded minutes and asked that these and the response be shared.	BS
3.	<b>IWL Stage 1 &amp; Canal Parks Enhancement Works</b>	
3.1.	Winter weather has prevented a full scheme drone video being produced but a short clip showing progress around the bridge site was shown. Wills Bros provided commentary during the viewing supplemented by still images of the site work.	
3.2.	It was expected that the crane to lift the bridge beam sections into place would start arriving in the next couple of weeks. This is a 1000T crane which will need an additional 35 lorries to transport the various parts and ballast required for the lifts. There are 6 beams. Each beam is being fabricated into three lengths on site prior to being lifted in pairs weighing as much as 176T. Three lifts from the south will see the end span and cantilever into the middle span positioned. Another three lifts from the north are then required prior to the final three to complete the middle span.	
3.3.	There are two cameras on site providing hourly updates, one of the bridge site and one of the rugby clubhouse. We intend to add links to these on the web site. It is also intended that a time lapse video will ultimately be produced from this footage.	
3.4.	After initial delays the rugby clubhouse construction is now progressing well and on target to complete on time. Work on the new pitches will follow once the club vacate during the off season starting in March and the existing clubhouse is demolished.	
3.5.	Road construction is progressing well with the work forming Tomnahurich Roundabout on Glenurquhart Road essentially complete. Surfacing up to base course has been laid over much of the new road, most noticeably all the way from Holm Roundabout to the site offices including the new roundabout at Ness-side.	
3.6.	Roy Sinclair asked for confirmation that the underpasses were of sufficient size to allow the large vehicles used by Scottish Canals to access the towpath. THC advised that the underpasses were for pedestrian/cycle use and no vehicles would use them. Access to the towpaths is maintained from the existing road and similar linkage is to be provided from the new road either side of the new canal crossing.	
3.7.	Cllr Ross asked that the group be offered the opportunity to visit the site to see progress. (This has since been arranged and took place on 8 <sup>th</sup> February)	
3.8.	Stage 1 roadworks are anticipated to complete in December.	

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	Stage 2 cannot start until the new golf course is ready for play in March 2019.	
4.	<b>Golf Course Construction and Housing Site Preparation Works</b>	
4.1.	Still photographs taken from a survey drone were shown with commentary provided by Coffey/EGS JV to give an update on progress with the course construction.	
4.2.	The new road access to the site has been complete for some time and the topsoil storage bunds for the future finishing of the housing site are well established.	
4.3.	The bulk earthworks on the golf course are generally complete with work now progressing on forming greens, tees and fairways and installing drainage. The water bodies are formed but are yet to be lined.	
4.4.	Whilst every effort is being made to minimise import of materials to site the greens and tees require specialist root zone material which might see up to 15 or 20 lorries a day to bring this material in.	
4.5.	Work on levelling out the housing site is due to start in March.	
5.	<b>AOCB</b>	
5.1.		
6.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
6.1.	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June at 7pm	