

Inverness West Link Stage 2 - Community Liaison Meeting No. 4

Monday 2nd December 2019, 7pm Council HQ.

Present

Cllr Graham Ross (GR)	The Highland Council
Cllr Bill Boyd (BB)	The Highland Council
Colin Howell (CH)	The Highland Council
Bryan Stout (BS)	The Highland Council
Mike Stephens (MS)	The Highland Council
Iain MacLennan (IM)	The Highland Council
Steve Scott (SS)	R J Macleod
George Greig (GG)	Inverness West Community Council
Maria De La Torre (MDLT)	Lochardil & Drummond Community Council
Brian MacKenzie (BM)	Highland Cycle Campaign
Paddy Walsh (PW)	Inverness Rowing Club
David Rothwell (DR)	Inverness Rowing Club
Roy Sinclair (RS)	Inverness Rowing Club
David Hass (DH)	The Highland Council (Inverness City Arts)
Jason Kelman (JK)	The Highland Council (Inverness City Arts)
Cathy Shankland (CS)	The Highland Council (Inverness City Arts)

Point	Item	Action
1.	Chairman's Introductions & Purpose of Meeting	
1.1.	Cllr Graham Ross opened the meeting and welcomed everyone; GR went on to comment regarding the positive progress being made on site.	Note
1.2.	Apologies None	Note

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2.	Inverness City Arts	
2.1	<p>David Hass (DH) thanked the group for the opportunity for him and fellow members of the Inverness City Arts Group, namely Jason Kelman (JK) and Cathy Shankland (CS) to attend the meeting.</p> <p>DH explained that a piece of art by artist Andy Campbell had become available and comments would be appreciated on the proposal to erect it on the 8th fairway of what was the old Torvean golf course next to the small loch. The ICA group recommended this area as it had an open vista and would provide an exceptional viewing area.</p>	Note
2.2	<p>RS asked if the art piece was to be erected within the construction site and what was it?</p> <p>DH confirmed that it would be installed outside the construction site of what was formally the golf course. CS explained that the art piece was a viewing platform accessed by stairs.</p> <p>JK said the structure was constructed from reinforced concrete with a railing around the platform. It was originally intended to be erected at the River Ness Flood Alleviation wall cantilevered over the river, however due to a change in regulations regarding placing structures of this type above water this proposal was no longer appropriate.</p> <p>JK went on to state that the structure platform was 1.2m high.</p>	Note
2.3	DH stated that as it was considered a piece of art disabled access requirements did not apply.	Note
2.4	<p>MDLT said that the location proposed made sense but asked what other locations had been considered?</p> <p>GR responded that the SUDS pond on IWL2 and close to the Whin Lade had also be considered by the ICA. He went on to say that this installation may be just one of several features being considered in and around the vacated golf course.</p>	Note
2.5	<p>RS asked what the process for installation of the viewing platform was?</p> <p>CH said that RJ McLeod would receive an instruction from The Highland Council to carry out installation of the art piece.</p> <p>CH also stated that public access to the park was unlikely before December 2020, due to the adjacent construction activity and lack of associated access.</p>	Note

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2.6	<p>JK said that Creative Scotland were providing funding for the art viewing platform. The Artist advised on the location of the piece.</p> <p>DH went on to say that the Artist was enthused by the location chosen and felt it would attract people to the area.</p>	Note
2.7	<p>CH asked if the ICA group were looking for community endorsement of the location and were those present representing the local community content that it be recorded that they endorsed the art piece and its erection at the location described?</p>	Note
2.8	<p>BB asked did the viewing platform enhance the area?</p> <p>CS responded that from an artist's point of view it gave people a different dimension and perspective to the park, it provided a different aspect to an already beautiful area.</p>	Note
2.9	<p>BB asked what would the maintenance implications be regarding the viewing platform?</p> <p>JK said the structure would be constructed from polished concrete and will weather over time. He went on to say that the concrete will start to deteriorate after 5 to 10 years. After 20years there may be signs of concrete spalling and rust from the reinforcement showing through. Painting of the railings and concrete maintenance are likely to be long term maintenance requirements.</p>	Note

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2.10	<p>MDLT commented that there was inevitably controversy regarding the location of art installations.</p> <p>CS said that the location identified was the best available and although the suds basin had been considered the views were not as good.</p> <p>DH added that the art piece, known as the Rest Space, is a straightforward installation and would allow families and others the opportunity to interact at a beautiful location. The art piece will blend in and form part of the park.</p> <p>MDLT said that she did not think that this meeting could speak for the whole community regarding endorsement of the installation and she still had concerns regarding the location.</p> <p>RS said that it was a sensible place for the installation.</p> <p>BM said it would appear there was no choice regarding what was being placed but only choice regarding location, decking would be a better proposal.</p> <p>GR confirmed that the art piece would not impact on the path round the park.</p>	Note
2.11	DH again thanked the meeting for inviting the ICA group to attend to present the Rest Space art installation. The ICA group then left the meeting.	Note
3.0	Approval of Minutes	
3.1	The minutes from meeting 3 were approved	
3.2	BS to pass Andrew Ross from Scottish canals contact details to DR.	BS
3.3	3.9 Potholes on the tow path had been filled in and a pedestrian diversion was now in place	Note
3.4	3.11 The hedge obscuring the Tomnahurich bridge from the recently completed control tower had been cut.	Note
4.0	IWL Stage 2 Update RJ McLeod	
4.1	Steve Scott, Project Manager RJ Macleod gave a short presentation regarding the works progress to date. The report is appended to the minutes.	Note
4.2	DR said the Rowing Club appreciated RJ McLeod's support at the recent regatta.	Note
4.3	BB complimented RJ McLeod on their continuing community engagement.	Note

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4.4	<p>GR said the Rowing Club should be congratulated regarding the recent regatta, it is the biggest event of it's type in Scotland with over 150 boats competing over 2 days.</p> <p>MDLT also commented that the event was fantastic and went on to say that the pedestrian diversion was well signed.</p>	Note
4.5	<p>MDLT asked when was the canal to be drained?</p> <p>SS responded saying it would be drained next week, once drained to 1m the canal would be electro fished to ensure no fish were harmed.</p>	Note
4.6	<p>RS asked if the traffic diversion contained in the report would impact on the rowing club?</p> <p>SS said it would not.</p>	Note
4.7	<p>GR asked if pedestrian access would be maintained?</p> <p>SS confirmed it would.</p>	Note
4.8	<p>CH explained the process for archaeological monitoring and the significant amount of finds on the site.</p> <p>SS said that although significant delays to programme had been minimised by proactive planning of work activities</p>	Note
4.9	<p>RS asked was there any risk from New Zealand Pygmy Weed (Invasive Species) ?</p> <p>SS confirmed that extensive surveys had been carried out and no NZPW had been found on site, but that they would continue to be vigilant. At present there is no impact</p>	Note
5.0	AOCB	
5.1	<p>RS asked about the potential impact the new wharf would have on the Rowing Club?</p> <p>IM will meet with RS to confirm what is being built.</p> <p>RS to contact IM to arrange a meeting</p>	RS/IM

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5.2	<p>DR asked if anyone attending the Rowing Club would have to pay parking charges once the new car park was constructed.? Over 600 people attended the recent regatta. At present the Rugby Club and Golf Club do not pay for parking.</p> <p>CH responded that it was not his area of responsibility and DR should raise the matter with Shane Manning THC Principal Traffic Officer.</p> <p>MDLT commented that charges may stop people using the park.</p>	DR
5.3	<p>RS asked about safeguarding the Rowing Club water supply during periods of low temperature?</p> <p>SS said the pipe would be covered/buried to provide insulation form the cold.</p>	SS
5.4	<p>RS asked for confirmation regarding the headroom under the new Torvean Bridge?</p> <p>BS to email RS to confirm clearance</p>	BS

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5.5	<p>CH updated the meeting regarding Sustrans involvement and funding. Sustrans had provided grant funding to support the active travel element of IWL1. THC had been assured of Sustrans support for IWL2, however Sustrans now wanted some changes made to the design before funding was released, following changes in guidance. This included, raised tables at junctions, a Toucan Crossing at the western arm of the A82 roundabout, and a Toucan Crossing on General Booth Road. These amended proposals had been submitted to Transport Scotland (TS) for review and comment as they impacted on the A82 Trunk Road. Early indications are that TS do not support the additional Toucan Crossing to the west of the A82 roundabout, but discussions are progressing with Sustrans. THC were awaiting feedback from Transport Scotland and it was thought unlikely that any of the measures relating to the Trunk Road would be accepted due to the impact on traffic flows. However, THC were committed to installing a Toucan Crossing on General Booth Road and a raised table on the access road to the canal tow path.</p> <p>MDLT said that Toucan Crossings were good for the visually impaired, but cannot understand why it would impact on traffic movements</p> <p>BMck asked what the speed limit would be on the completed road?</p> <p>BS confirmed it would be 30mph the same as it is at present</p>	Note
5.6	<p>BMck said that the issue was that Sustrans wanted design that stopped cyclists from going on the carriageway.</p> <p>CH confirmed that the Sustrans benchmark was a 12 year old cyclist.</p>	Note
5.7	<p>BMck asked about the bollard layout at the end of the remote footpath?</p> <p>BS to provide BMck with drawings and specification for comment.</p>	BS

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5.8	<p>DR raised the issue regarding boat safety when the bridges were in operation and asked how movement would be controlled?</p> <p>IM explained it would be down to Scottish Canals to confirm arrangements as they are the bridge operators. It had been discussed at the recent HAZOP meeting. THC to ask Dave Scoval at Scottish canals to confirm arrangements</p>	IM/BS
5.9	BS confirmed that the control tower was to be fitted with a cctv system which monitored beneath both bridges to aid the operation of the bridges.	Note
5.10	<p>MDLT asked about planting around the SUDS basin?</p> <p>CH said the planting would be low maintenance</p> <p>SS confirmed planting would be carried out in the Autumn of 2020</p>	Note
6.0	Date of Next Meeting	
	GR closed the meeting by thanking those attending and confirmed the date for the next meeting as the 24 th of February 2020 at 7pm	Note



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Steve Scott





Project Update –

- Earthworks @ 90% complete
- Drainage and services @ 75% complete
- Streetlighting @ 60% complete
- Kerbing and lock block @ 70%
- Surfacing commenced in November and @ 40% complete
- Archaeological Investigation offsite regarding the finds will continue over the next 24 months
- Started piling on the 15th November – Wharf piles completed
- Access to the canal on the 18th November, commenced with dam installation
- Footpath diversions
- Temporary Car Park for Inverness Rowing Club





Project Update – Damming the canal





Project Update – Installing overpumping





Project Update – Installing Piles on the wharf



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Project Update – Footpath, kerbs, surfacing and street lighting on GBR



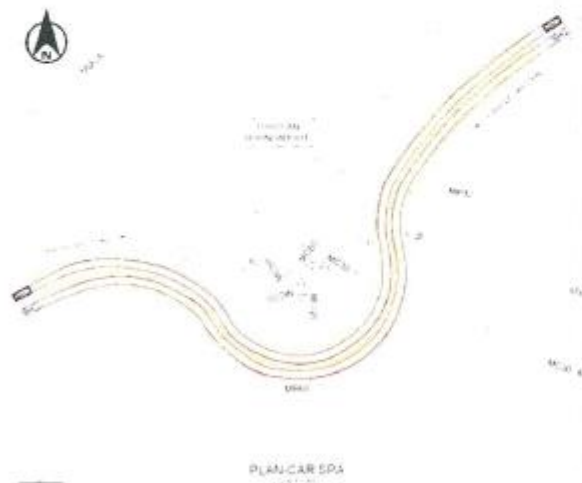


Project Update – New roundabout on A82 looking East





Project Update – Traffic Management on A82 / GBR



RJ **McLEOD**



Project Update – Environment

- Silt Curtains in the canal
- Water Quality monitoring
- Regular visits from SEPA to the site
- Fish Screen on pumps
- Electrofishing in the canal during the dewatering
- Toolbox talks on otters
- New Zealand Pigmy Weed – Invasive species
- Chipping the tree roots rather than going to landfill
- Reuse of materials on site
- Site offices now on mains electricity
- Noise and vibration monitoring





Community Benefit – Local groups, schools and charities

- Open Meeting on the 12th September
- Cycling Without Age / Spokes for Folks
- Sponsored Inverness Rowing Club Head Regatta
- Sponsoring Maps for a local Orienteering Event
- Highland Schools Hockey - Medals
- Park Run - Markers
- Charleston Academy Maths Dept
- UHI Visit
- Time Capsule
- Bridges for Schools
- STEM Ambassadors
- ICE Visit





Community Benefit – Hockey Medals / Charleston Academy Maths Department



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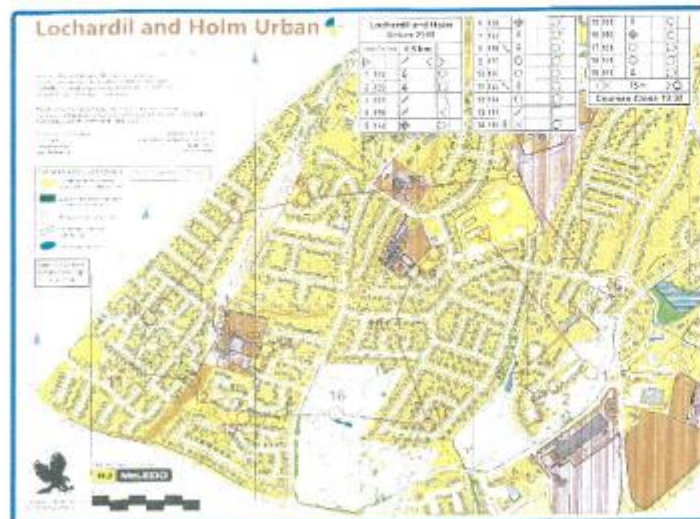
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Community Benefit – Orienteering Lochardil





Community Benefit – Inverness Rowing Club Regatta





Planned Works

- Surfacing – General Booth Road & Temporary Diversions
- Concrete Anchor Wall & Capping Beams
- Ducts under canal
- Piling Bridge abutments – East & West
- Traffic Diversions – Install services / form tie ins





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Questions



Any Questions?



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