



Uig Harbour Redevelopment.

Community Liaison Group.

Minutes taken on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 1900hrs.

1. **Present;** Cllr Calum Munro – (Highland Council) **Chair**, Andrew MacIver – Principal Engineer (Highland Council), Iain MacLennan – Project Manager (Highland Council), Gary Smith – Lead Officer for Infrastructure (Highland Council, Sean Melville – Sub-Agent (RJ McLeod), Duncan MacDonald – Sub – Agent (RJ McLeod), Seonag Henderson – Admin. (RJ McLeod), Cllr. Ruairidh Stewart, Stuart MacPherson (Uig Community Trust), Billy Harley – Uig Community Trust, Angus Ross (Local), Ian Stewart (Local), Sandy Maclean (Local), Vicki MacLean (Local), Vicki Dunkell (Local), Margaret Freestone (Local), Thomas Butler (Local), Duncan MacDonald (Local), Eric Jones (Local), Martin Madigan (Local), Sandy Borland (Local), Alan MacRae (Local).
2. **Apologies;** Steve Scott (SS) – Project Manager (RJ McLeod), David Leaver (Capt.) NMI, Cllr. John Finlayson, Cllr. Drew Miller, Andrew Norman (Uig Community Trust), Allan Mackenzie (Local).
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes;**
Approved by – Angus Ross
Seconded by – Martin Madigan
Notes – The minutes for the previous meeting were not received until today and it should be noted that more time should be allowed when circulating the minutes before a meeting.
(RJM have since checked this and the draft minutes were sent out on 17/05/22 from S. Scott along with the meeting invitation).
Minutes should also be posted on Highland Council website before the meeting.
A mistake also features in section 5 of the previous minute – Sean Melville to correct.
4. **Presentation;**
See attached PowerPoint document.
5. **Speed Limit;**
Highland Council are considering the proposal to reduce the speed limit but no update has been made available. Andrew MacIver will contact for update.
6. **Planning Permission;**
As noted in the previous minute, only 1 tender was submitted. Consideration is being taken to retender to keep project within budget.
7. **Calmac Service Plans;**
No update was available. It was noted that Calmac/Cmal had been invited to the meeting but no representative attended and no report was given. Gary Smith will contact for update or a representative to be present at the next meeting.
8. **A.O.C.B;**
Noise Reduction
Vicki Dunkell raised the issue of noise and it was agreed that the issue of noise reduction would be looked into (Sean Melville). It was stated that piling would not start before 8am when possible although consideration is dictated by tides. It is also aimed to cease by 6pm each night but consideration should also be given to stand-down times due to ferry berthing.
Real time alerts are being taken to monitor noise and it is within the allowed limits. Piling will continue until February/March 2023. Locals noted that it wasn't made clear that it would take so long.
Advertising and Information
Locals requested that a folder containing a schedule of works and when they would be happening be placed in both Rankins Supermarket and Uig Filling Station to allow people who do not have access to emails to keep up to date with the ongoing project.

A copy of each minutes should be put into these folders after meetings.

It was also requested and agreed that posters should be put up in both Rankins Supermarket and Uig Filling Station previous to each meeting. It was noted that although a noticeboard is situated in Calmac, no locals actually regularly go into Calmac and information is being lost.

[Community Impact Assessment](#)

Ian Stewart enquired about the Community Impact Assessment. Iain MacIver replied that it would be completed when Calmac complete their outage plans (4-5 weeks). Billy Harley suggested that it should have been completed before this stage.

[Calmac/Cmal/Transport Scotland](#)

Alan MacRae noted that representatives from Calmac/Cmal and Transport Scotland should be in attendance to answer questions from locals in the Community. Locals feel that 6 months outage for the ferry is a very long time and would have a huge knock-on effect on the Community. Garry Smith noted that the tender was re-issued with a 22 week closure in 2020 following an unsuccessful first tendering process for the project. Progress was noted for the Uig Project through the Highland Council Economy and Infrastructure committee. Discussions are ongoing regarding the mitigation measures with Transport Scotland and the Sky Triangle Steering Group.

[Floating Linkspan](#)

Locals enquired as to whether a floating linkspan was being considered. Garry Smith replied that the contract that was awarded in 2021 and does not include a floating linkspan. The current design is the culmination of work since 2016 investigating the viable options with the physical and ecological constraints of the site. The infrastructure will be upgraded during the short term works and will serve Uig for many years to come.

[Calmac/Cmal Existing Building](#)

Vicki Dunkell enquired about whether the Calmac building was going to be demolished.

It was noted that the building is owned by Cmal who are engaging with Highland Council and have completed a mini development plan and Cmal's current plan is to put the building on the market at the end of the project. Highland Council to confirm plans.

Stuart MacPherson asked for reassurances from Cmal as to what is planned going forward.

[Damage Compensation](#)

Angus Ross stated a boat belonging to Gavin MacPherson had been damaged by another vessel and a car had been damaged by a stone from a lorry wheel which was leaving Kingsburgh quarry.

Locals indicated a need for a compensation procedure to be in place with Highland Council. Sean Melville was not aware of the boat incident Thomas Butler pointed out that it was a West Coast Marine vessel which had been working on the Moorings that had caused the damage and although the operator admitted liability at the time, they have since backtracked. Any incidents associated with the works should in the first instance be reported to the Highland Council through the Project Managers Representative Iain MacLennan in the first instance.

Sean Melville also reported that a rumble strip has been purchased following the incident, it had a lead time of around 8-10 weeks to be manufactured and will be on site shortly.

[Dry-out Berth](#)

Angus Ross enquired when the dry out berth would be completed and ready for use. If it is not going to be available in the near future, it was asked if the rocks around the small jetty could be skimmed to be utilised as a dry out berth in the interim. Sean Melville will look into this.

[Moorings](#)

Thomas Butler raised an issue that no representative was present from Highland Harbours. He stated that several moorings belonging to local residents had been destroyed which was not discussed with the owners. He enquired if they would be compensated for the losses? Tony Usher had been told who the moorings belonged to but ordered them to be moved or cut if in the way. This decision was taken on a Tuesday and work commenced the following day and did not allow time for consultation. Tony Usher told contractors that the mooring were not in use. Garry Smith agreed to investigate the matter and respond directly to Thomas Butler.

Berthing Area

An enquiry was made regarding whether the berthing area would be the same at the end of the works as it was before it started. Duncan MacDonald pointed out that some could dry out at low tide. The berthing area will be dredged at the end of the work but Andrew MacIver agreed that there would be a possibility of them partly drying out.

Date of Next Meeting;

4th August 2022 @ 7p.m