



Uig Harbour Redevelopment
COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes taken on [Thursday 4th August 2022 at 1900hrs.](#)

1	Present	Actions
	<p>Cllr Calum Munro – (Highland Council) Chair, Andrew MacIver – Principal Engineer (Highland Council), (Highland Council), Gary Smith – Lead Officer for Infrastructure (Highland Council, Ruairaidh Campbell (Cmal), Nick Bates (The Highland Council), Steve Scott – Project Manager(RJ Mcleod), Kevin Smith – Agent (RJ McLeod), Sean Melville – Sub-Agent (RJ McLeod), Duncan MacDonald – Sub –Agent (RJ McLeod), Seonag Henderson – Admin. (RJ McLeod), Donald Beaton (Calmac), Neil Mackenzie (local), Tanya Grosle - Highland Council Environmental Dept.), Cllr. Ruairaidh Stewart, Stuart MacPherson (Local & HIE Rep.), Billy Harley – Uig Community Trust, Angus Ross (Local), Ian Stewart (Local), Vicki MacLean (Local), Sandy MacLean (Local), Kenny Gillies (Local), Margaret Freestone (Local), Martin Madigan (Local), Allan Mackenzie (Local) Andrew Norman (Uig Community Trust), Sandy Borland (Local), Cllr. Drew Miller.</p>	
2	Apologies	
	Cllr. John Finlayson	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes	
	<p>Approved by – Martin Madigan Seconded by – Sandy Borland</p>	
4	Presentation	
	See attached document	
5	Speed Limit	
	No update from Transport Scotland. Andrew MacIver will feedback community concerns. Steve Scott will request a temporary reduction in the speed limit throughout the village.	THC RJM
6	Community Information	
	Folders have been placed in both Uig Filling Station and Rankins Post Office counter containing the latest information and minutes. These will be updated on a 6 weekly basis after each meeting. Sandy Borland requested that we have a list of actions, who is responsible and timescales available for locals to view.	RJM

7.	Community Impact Assessment	Actions
	<p>Andrew MacIver provided an update on the Islands Impact Assessment. It was noted that the assessment does not include a requirement for assessing the economic impacts of the project in Uig. Billy Harley raised concerns that there will be an impact on employment in the local community when the ferry goes off and the impact of which was never assessed. He also stated that consultation meeting was misleading. The Press Release issued jointly by Cmal and The Highland Council was inaccurate and impacted him financially. Stewart MacPherson also commented that no community or economic assessment has been done to show the implications of the negative impact. Stewart also pointed out that the outage period has been moved three times. He felt that this should be addressed to make sure this does not happen again in another community when Island Impact Assessments don't appear to require to include economic impact assessment. Calum Munro suggested the Skye Triangle Steering group have a look into this and see what can be done.</p>	THC
8.	Community Benefits	
	<p>Stuart MacPherson pointed out that Steve Scott was referring to community benefits that are for Skye & Lochalsh as a whole, not just Uig.</p> <p>Billy Harley asked if a breakdown could be produced of what has been spent in Uig specifically. It was suggested that local businesses should be approached.</p> <p>Martin Madigan asked if there could be a defibrillator donation made to the local community at the completion of works which will be looked into by RJM.</p> <p>Martin Madigan also asked if RJM could make a financial contribution towards the Christmas party for local children to buy gifts/food etc. This will be looked into.</p>	<p>RJM & THC</p> <p>RJM</p> <p>RJM</p>
9.	Transport Scotland	
	<p>Steve Scott said that he had been approached by Transport Scotland to gauge Community views regarding working and pile driving taking place during the night with a view to reduce the outage period. Ian Stewart commented it would not be welcomed or acceptable to pile drive at night.</p> <p>Stewart MacPherson asked if night work would involve noise to which Steve Scott answered it would involve piling at night but could possibly reduce the outage by six weeks.</p> <p>Angus Ross asked if it would be possible to reduce ferry sailings rather than the outage period to allow more working hours for RJM.</p> <p>Donald Beaton said that this suggestion would need to be liaised with the Western Isles Council.</p> <p>Angus Ross suggested a compromise of extending RJM's working hours to 9pm.</p> <p>Sandy Borland asked if the date of 27th March was fixed and was told it is.</p> <p>Neil Mackenzie asked why the majority of the work had not been precast off site and brought in. Steve Scott replied that the original design concept was undertaken by AECOM for the Highland Council and referred to Andrew for comment.</p> <p>Andrew MacIver said it had been looked at and consideration had been given regarding cost and disruption and this was the best option.</p> <p>Neil Mackenzie the money should be invested to get on with the job and support RJM to get the job done.</p>	
10.	Cmal	
	<p>Ruaraidh Campbell stated that Cmal suggested that the existing building to be at the end of its working life and that once the new Calmac building was complete Cmal will consult with the local community for views and engage with them as to what happens to the existing building.</p> <p>Ian Stewart commented that it was always understood the building would be removed.</p> <p>Stuart MacPherson said a consultation would be positive and Billy Harley commented that he agreed and it would need to ascertain if the building was an asset or a liability. Ruaraidh Campbell is happy to</p>	

	<p>feed this back to Cmal. Drew Millar asked if the land belongs to Cmal, could it be donated to the local community after works are complete – R Campbell to feedback. R. Campbell to look at starting consultation with community early so that works can begin on existing ferry terminal at earliest opportunity. Stuart MacPherson noted that previous liaison with Cmal secured an undertaking from Cmal that they would start engagement regarding the existing ticket office shed as soon as possible instead of waiting until the new ticket office is built.</p>	CMAL
11.	Marshalling Area	
	<p>An enquiry was made regarding whether the Marshalling area would be the same at the end of the works as it was before it started. It was agreed that a drawing showing the new marshalling area would be added to RJM’s next presentation.</p> <p>Angus Ross requested an update on the piles that are sitting high along the Approachway and resemble the Cuillins. Steve Scott commented that The Highland Council’s Designers are looking at a design solution for these piles and confirmed that when complete these would be cut below ground level to allow vehicular access to the pier.</p>	THC
12.	Calmac	
	<p>Donald Beaton stated that the ferry will stop running on 10th October and there will be sailings from Lochmaddy to Ullapool at 05.30a.m and returning at 12.00pm daily. He also stated that ticketing has now changed to electronic ticketing which should reduce congestion at the pier but has had a few teething problems.</p>	
13.	RJ McLeod	
	<p>Ian Stewart commended RJM for their good communication and openness at site meetings.</p>	
14.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>Martin Madigan requested future meetings were held every 4 weeks leading up to & during the outage works. It was agreed that as long as interim updates were provided to the community that a meeting every 6 weeks was sufficient.</p> <p>RJM would discuss the offer of providing updates on Radio Skye.</p> <p>27th October 2022 @ 1900 08th December 2022 @1900</p> <p><u>Provisional Dates for 2023 (To be agreed 2-3 meetings in advance)</u> 19th January 2023 @1900 02nd March 2023 @1900 13th April 2023 @ 1900 25th Mary 2023 @ 1900 06th July 2023 @ 1900</p>	

