

Minutes taken on [Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 1900hrs.](#)

1	Present	Actions
	<p>Cllr Calum Munro – (Highland Council) <b>Chair</b>, Andrew MacIver – Principal Engineer (Highland Council), Garry Smith – Lead Officer for Infrastructure (Highland Council, Ruairaidh Campbell (Cmal), Iain MacLennan (The Highland Council), Steve Scott – Project Manager(RJ Mcleod), Duncan MacDonald – Sub –Agent (RJ McLeod), Seonag Henderson – Admin. (RJ McLeod), Donald Beaton (Calmac), Stuart MacPherson (Local &amp; HIE Rep. ), Billy Harley – Uig Community Trust, Angus Ross (Local), Vicki MacLean (Local), Sandy MacLean (Local), Margaret Freestone (Local), Martin Madigan (Local), Sandy Borland (Local), Lee Evans (Local), Jon Irons (Local), Claire Irons (Local), Ian Stewart (Local).</p>	
2	Apologies	
	<p>Cllr. John Finlayson, Allan Mackenzie (Local), Kevin Smith (RJM), Caroline Connolly (Transport Scotland), Cllr. Drew Millar.</p>	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes	
	<p>NO APPROVAL WAS MADE UNTIL ERRORS HAVE BEEN RECTIFIED – APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING. A deadline for comments will be set after the minutes are circulated to reflect any discrepancies. It was noted that the minutes had been amended at 18:00 today but it left little time to recirculate.</p> <p>Corrections to previous minutes provided by Stuart Macpherson:</p> <p><b>Section 7.</b> Second last sentence. For accuracy please add to the end of the sentence, ‘when Island Impact Assessments don’t appear to require to include economic impact assessment’.</p> <p><b>Section 8.</b> First sentence should read, for accuracy. ‘Stuart MacPherson pointed out that Steve Stott was referring to Community Benefits that are for Skye as a whole, not just Uig.</p> <p><b>Section 10.</b> Suggest for accuracy a sentence at the start should be added to reflect what was actually said at the meeting, which was ‘CMAL regarding the existing ticket office shed to be at the end of it’s working life’.</p> <p>Suggest a sentence at the end for accuracy, ‘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>	

	Approved by – Seconded by –	
<b>4</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	
	See attached document	
<b>5</b>	<b>Speed Limit</b>	
	It was noted that the speed limit changes will be in place for the completion of the project in Spring 2024 so there is still time for the statutory process to be completed. No update from Transport Scotland. Andrew MacIver will feedback community concerns. Caroline Connolly was unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be in attendance at the next meeting.	THC RJM
<b>6</b>	<b>Community Impact Assessment</b>	
	Garry Smith (GS) clarified that the changes to the Outage Period announced on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of September were a result of a series of discussions between the project partners which included officers and elected representatives from Highland Council and the Western Isles Council.  Billy Harley (BH) stated that the Western Isles council are doing an impact assessment and asked why Highland Council were not. GS will look into this and feed back.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Community Benefits</b>	
	For the breakdown of money spent in Uig – please see presentation. Martin Madigan (MM) confirmed that RJM made a financial contribution towards the Christmas party for local children to buy gifts/food etc.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Outage</b>	
	The outage dates have been reviewed and will now take place from 16 <sup>th</sup> January – 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 and 30 <sup>th</sup> October – 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 BH asked what the risks to the outage dates are and Steven Scott (SS) replied that the weather could be a likely factor but also that more plant will be on site and much bigger plant to allow the job to go ahead. In between the 2 outages he said, piling would be done preparing for second outage and putting fenders on the roundhead and dredging work will be done. Jon Irons asked if there would be cost implications for the new outage dates and SS replied that there would due to hiring bigger plant.	

9.	<b>Dolphins</b>	
	<p>Billy Harley asked if the dolphins currently being used were being left after the project was completed (SS to look into this) and this was confirmed that they could be left. SS warned that the Community would have to be careful regarding marine licences etc. BH commented that deliberation would have to be had but that they would have a year to come to a decision. SS asked that the community come up with a proposal regarding how they will be used. Ruairidh Campbell commented that it will be part of Crown Estates who will charge fees.</p>	
10.	<b>Marshalling Area</b>	
	<p>BH asked if the new marshalling area includes public toilets and Andrew confirmed that it will but they will be inside the Calmac building. Given that this will restrict the public out with Calmac opening hours Calum Munro and BH will meet to discuss possible solutions to this. Stuart Macpherson (SM) asked if the existing bus stance will move and Andrew Maciver (AM) said it was not clear at this stage whether it will or not. SM said that it is something worthy of consideration and some thought should go into the bus stance to maximise its potential. AM commented that the new Calmac building would take a year to build. BH queried the 9 parking areas set aside for staff but also commented that the ferry staff sometimes parked in the carpark for up to 2 weeks at a time and that ferry staff should be accommodated within the staff area so as not to use the public parking area which is very small. CM suggested that solution should be sought. The entrance to the marshalling area is much wider and longer and will accommodate 12-15 cars as a run in to the ticketing booth. This will be for cars only – not artics as they have their own designated area. GS assured the meeting that the layout is workable and is designed to provide far more space for marshalling vehicles with the intention to reduce queuing back onto the A87. Donald Beaton commented that automatic check ins are in pipeline but is unsure when this will happen.</p>	
11.	<b>Transport Scotland</b>	
	<p>No one was available from Transport Scotland but Garry said he would speak to Caroline and ask her to seek comments regarding the speed limits from Transport Scotland/Bear Scotland. It was also suggested that pelican crossing or equivalent should be placed on the road due to ferry customers crossing to the local shops/Filling station/eateries. Is it a possibility? Drop kerbing has been provided but it will be looked into. BH asked if the bus stops had provision for McBackpackers/Rabbies etc and was told there was and he commented that all these people would also be crossing the road.</p>	THC/GS
12.	<b>A.O.C.B</b>	

	<p>Angus Ross (AR) produced a first draft plan that has been produced by Uig Community Trust to erect a mini marina and asked if it could be included for distribution with the presentation and minutes for comment from the local community. AR to email details to SS. SM also suggested that Crown Estates should be approached for funding.</p> <p>It was commented by MM that Ronald Currie (RC) was unhappy about a speed camera being put up and queried that it was being erected on his land. Duncan Macdonald assured MM that it was out with the boundary of RC land and that it was not a speed camera but a time lapse camera. RJM will check the boundary again to be sure. <b>PMN</b> It was found that the majority of the base was within RC's boundary. This area has now been landscaped over. RJM apologise for the inconvenience caused. RJM to cast new base in suitable location.</p> <p>It was requested that an update be given on moorings at the next meeting. Assurances were made that all issues had now been resolved and Ian MacLennan said that cameras were being put down to make sure all was well.</p>	
13.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 @ 1900	