

YEHAC5002 - CAOL & LOCHYSIDE FPS - COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Approved Minutes for Community Liaison Meeting held on **Tuesday 27**th **September 2022 at 19:30Hrs**Meeting held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

	Item	Action
1	Introductions	
	Gary Kennedy (GK) – Project Manager's Representative – The Highland Council Emily Currie (EC)– Assistant PMR – The Highland Council Craig Donn (CD) – Site Agent – RJ McLeod Liz Saggers (LS) – Councillor – The Highland Council Colin Strange (CS) – Secretary - Caol Community Council Joan Laing (JL) – Member - Caol Community Council	
2	Apologies	
	Garry Smith (GS) – Principal Designer – The Highland Council Murray Innes (MI) – Project Manager – The Highland Council Florence Cargill (FC) – Assistant PMR – The Highland Council Ewan Gordon (EG) – Assistant PMR – The Highland Council Jane Young (JY) - Community Support Co-ordinator – The Highland Council Greg Riddle (GR) – Member - Caol Community Council John Gillespie (JG) – Chairman – Caol Community Council Christina McKitrick (CM) – Social Corporate Representative – RJ McLeod Linda Campbell (LC) – Secretary – Kilmallie Shinty Club	
3	Review of Previous Meeting's Minutes	
3.1	No actions outstanding from the previous minutes	Note
4	Progress	
4.1	Overview of project progress presented by CD. This included update on traffic management, resurfacing works, utilities tie-ins and diversions, rock armour deliveries, pumping station works and flood wall construction. The presentation is available on THC website (detailed below): https://www.highland.gov.uk/caolandlochysidefloodprotection	Note
4.2	JL queried whether there will be a fence surrounding the play park. GK advised that there will be a timber post and rail fence surrounding the new park and that the existing concrete steps will be removed, access will be at each end of the park. CS then queried if the proposal is to have grass under the play equipment, GK assured that there will be grass rubber safety matting under the equipment. This was a design change from the sand proposed, which was deemed to be an unsuitable solution.	Note
4.3	CS advised that Caol Community Council has been given 15 trees from the Scottish Woodland Trust which will be received in March and queried whether these trees can be incorporated into the scheme planting. GK to liaise with CS regarding planting the trees in the scheme.	GK/CS

4.4	CS queried the extent of the rock armour works on the riverside. GK stated that they will extend up past the bus stop, with CD confirming the armour ends near Castle Drive.	Note
4.5	JL asked when the cycleway/ footway will be connected at Soldiers Bridge. CD anticipates this will be mid-2023.	Note
5	Transport Management	
5.1	GK highlighted there will be phasing of traffic management on the flood wall section along Kilmallie Road and there will potentially be limited traffic management on Erracht Drive during the planting works.	Note
5.2	CS asked if all the utilities diversions are complete on the foreshore. GK updated that diversionary works are nearing completion with only the marine outfall outstanding.	Note
5.3	CS advised that there are 2 'Diversion' signs at the Caol Shopping Area from the resurfacing works. GK committed to arranging the collection of the signs.	GK
6	Community Liaison	
6.1	A summary of the community benefits is available in the RJM Presentation and there was an update provided at the progress meeting held Thursday 30 th June. The opportunities are available from RJM and THC. GK to report on these at next CLM.	GK
6.2	GK provided an update on the community benefits provided to date and proposed future developments: • Caol Shopping Area Resurfacing • Lochyside Community Group field works • Caol Community Centre field regeneration works • Lighting on Soldiers Bridge	Note
6.3	CS shared that there is a proposal from the Lochyside Residents Group and the Caol Residents Group to put up seven illuminated Christmas trees around Caol and Lochyside and queried whether assistance could be provided in preparing the areas for the trees. This would include installing sockets for the tree to sit in as well as the ducting and connections with the streetlights. Street lighting are endorsing this proposal. GK to liaise with CS to discuss the provision of assistance for this proposal.	GK/CS
6.4	CS said there are plans to update the community cupboard, the aspiration is to provide a larger facility with fridges and freezers. CS asked if a base could be constructed for the new shed. GK to liaise with CS to discuss the provision of assistance for this proposal.	GK/CS
7	AOCB	
7.1	GK thanked the liaison group for their engagement and RJM for progress to date.	Note
8	Date of next meeting	
8.1	Tuesday 25 th October 2022 at 19:30 Hrs via Microsoft TEAMS.	Note