

Minutes taken on [Thursday 20th October 2022 at 1900hrs.](#)

1	Present	Actions
	<p>Cllr Calum Munro – (Highland Council) Chair, Garry Smith (GS)– Lead Officer for Infrastructure (Highland Council, Ruairaidh Campbell (RC)-(CMAL), Euan Macleod - Graduate Engineer (Highland Council), Malcom Macleod (MM)– Chief Executive Officer Infrastructure, Environment and Economy-(Highland Council) Steve Scott (SS) – Project Manager(RJ McLeod), Kevin Smith (KS)– Site Agent (RJ McLeod), Sean Melville – Sub Agent (RJ McLeod) Duncan MacDonald – Sub –Agent (RJ McLeod), Stuart MacPherson (SM) (Local & HIE Rep.), Margaret Freestone (MF) (Local)</p>	
2	Apologies	
	<p>Cllr. John Finlayson, Caroline Connolly (CC)(Transport Scotland), Cllr. Drew Millar, Andrew MacIver – Principal Engineer (Highland Council), Iain MacLennan (The Highland Council), Donald Beaton (Calmac), Billy Harley (BH)– Uig Community Trust, Angus Ross (Local), Martin Madigan (Local), Ian Stewart (Local). Drew Miller (Highland Council)</p>	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes	
	<p>Corrections to previous minutes provided by Stuart Macpherson: Minutes of 04/08 – this reads ‘CMAL suggested that the existing building to be at the end of its working life’ Minutes of 15/09 – this reads ‘CMAL regarding the existing ticket office shed to be at the end of its working life’. Agree phase to be used ‘CMAL consider the existing ticket office shed to be at the end of its working life. ‘</p> <p>To be noted there was an exchange between Billy Harley and Andrew MacIver regarding disabled access that was not minuted. GS confirms that THC an action to convene a disability action group meeting and notes this has been discussed and minuted In previous meetings.</p> <p>Approved by – Stuart MacPherson – Subject to the above change Seconded by – Steve Scott</p>	

4	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
	<p>CM notes there was an action in section 10 of the previous minutes for himself and Billy Harley to meet to discuss the toilet facilities which has not yet happened.</p> <p>GS explains that THC are going through a process of re-evaluating the footprint and the layout of the ferry terminal building. This will include the toilets within the building access time and arrangements for the toilets are yet to be finalised. THC will take comments on board for the next tendering process for the building. The tender will not be going out until spring next year with construction due to start summer next year.</p> <p>CM suggests that BH as chair of the community trust makes it clear of the communities expectations with regards to the toilet access prior to THC issuing the next tender.</p>	
5	<p>Presentation</p>	
	<p>SS presents slideshow attached.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>MF queries where the material removed from dredging will be taken</p> <p>SS explains that as part of the marine license an area approximately 2km of the shore has been designated as the 'dump site' and this is where the material shall be relocated to.</p> <p>Both MF and SM comment on recent noise and vibration.</p> <p>SS explains that the vibration and noise are firstly driven by a vibratory hammer through the softer ground and this could be what has caused noise and vibration. SS notes that noise and vibration are being monitored around the site.</p> <p>KS adds that this week there has been very little wind which could be a factor of the noise being more noticeable this week.</p> <p>SM asks what proportion of the bulk fill has now been imported as it seems that the project is now moving forward at a good pace.</p> <p>SS explains that the majority of the material has now been imported for the new marshalling area however the material for the new berthing structure has not yet started. SS estimates that there is approximately 50% of the material remaining to be brought into site and that there will be more vehicles on the road for a period of time but this will be coordinated around the ferry traffic.</p>	
6	<p>Open Forum</p>	
	<p>SM seeks more information regarding GS earlier comments regarding the terminal building not going ahead until next year</p> <p>GS explains they are going through a redesign to make the building more affordable and the programme shows the tender going ahead next spring with the building going ahead next summer. The process will require TS to agree that spend once the tender is returned.</p> <p>SM asks who shall be the owner of the new terminal building.</p> <p>GS to confirm who shall own the new terminal building. Following the meeting GS confirmed that the new terminal building will be owned and maintained by the HC and will be leased by Calmac.</p> <p>MF asks what the plans are for the current toilet.</p> <p>GS explains that there will not be two sets of toilets in Uig but unsure of the exact plans for the existing toilet block. GS will look into the plans for the existing toilet block and report back to the group.</p>	<p>GS</p>

	<p>SM raises how discussions are to take place on matters that do not directly relate to RJ McLeod such as the consultation on the existing terminal building. MM agrees that the THC development team need to discuss plans with the community and get feedback on the community's aspirations and opportunities for the redevelopment of the area. CM also states that CMAL should also be involved in this discussions.</p> <p>MM asks if works are working ok alongside ferry operations and if works stop for the ferries SS explains that there have been no issues with the interface between the ferry traffic and the works and yes that some operations do require to stop whilst the ferry is berthed.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>AOCB</p>	
	<p>SM asks RC if there has been any thoughts on the timing for the consultation for the existing terminal building and reiterates that it would be beneficial for consultation to start and plans in place prior to the completion of the new building. RC explains that he has been in touch with the community team and who have been re-opening lines of communication with the steering group and THC to formalise the delivery of the consultation. They will be consulting with the community regarding the building and its current condition and also discuss plans with the Fire and Rescue Service. RC explains that plans for the building cannot be taken forward until the fire and rescue service provide their new facility and that. MF asks how does the consultation happen RC confirms that there shall be a community roadshow delivered by CMAL similar to how it was delivered in Brodick but would like to remind everyone that they can get in touch at any time through CMALs email or web page. RC explains that CMAL's preference is that assets that will not be used are taken away so no assets are sitting unused. SM asks at what point would CMAL put plans to Fire and Rescue Service and that they need to move out by a set date. RC explains that now the new terminal building programme is now almost complete CMAL can now inform the Fire and Rescue Service and discussions can happen this winter between all parties. It is explained that communication was ongoing but with the delay to the terminal building and this will be restarted. SM raises concerns that a delay from fire and rescue service could cause delay to the plans to the terminal building and explains that HIE provided a site to the rear of the terminal building to the fire and rescue service several years ago. RC states that CMAL colleagues shall be in touch with HIE to discuss this issue.</p> <p>SM requests update on the position of the speed limit change through the village if there is still 50% of the material to be brought into the site. GS explains that temporary speed limits can be put in place during the construction and explain that through discussions with BEAR Scotland have been assured that the permanent speed limit order will be promoted by the completion of the project. SS adds that RJM have been in touch with BEAR separately but with little success. SM suggests that the community could prepare a letter to BEAR to help move the issue along which is welcomed. GS asks if a temporary 30mph limit during construction would be beneficial SM replies that not if it would jeopardise the permanent speed limit plans. SM further explains that the original proposal was conveyed in such a way that the speed limit reduction would be in place prior to construction traffic hauling material to the site. MM asks GS to look into the matter further as THC are in the process of a number of speed limit reductions throughout the highlands, Uig may be one of the locations already targeted and could be potentially brought forward.</p>	

	<p>GS asks SS if the speed limit was instructed would it be achievable. SS confirms it is achievable and RJM are already looking to promote 30mph speed limit but with little success from BEAR and Transport Scotland. MM states that a liaison meeting is planned for 2nd November of which BEAR and Transport Scotland attend and shall raise the issue with both parties.</p> <p>GS explains in Caroline Connelly's absence that a business marketing meeting was held by Transport Scotland with attendance from Visit Scotland, HIE, Outer Hebrides Tourism and Skye Connect. The community are coming forward with ideas of how islands are marketed during outage and how Transport Scotland can help. CC has tasked communities with coming back with ideas on how they can promote the islands during the outage period. TS did not commit to any funding proposals but have suggested that they may help via low level funding i.e promotional videos and marketing where possible. A follow up meeting will be had in the near future. GS explains that Billy Harley, chair of Uig Community Trust was involved in the meeting SM explains that HIE welcome the proposal as they cannot fund any marketing costs and any extra resource and assistance from Transport Scotland would be appreciated.</p> <p>PMN- Fishermen have requested an invite to any future meetings regarding the potential new Marina.</p>	
13.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>24th November 2022 @ <u>1800</u></p>	