

Minutes taken on [Thursday 24th November 2022 at 1900hrs.](#)

1	Present	Actions
	<p>Cllr Calum Munro – (Highland Council) Chair, Cllr. Drew Millar, Garry Smith (GS)– Lead Officer for Infrastructure (Highland Council, Andrew MacIver – Principal Engineer (Highland Council), Iain MacLennan (The Highland Council), Donald Beaton (Calmac), Steve Scott (SS) – Project Manager(RJ McLeod), Kevin Smith (KS)– Site Agent (RJ McLeod), Sean Melville – Sub Agent (RJ McLeod) Angus Ross (Local), Martin Madigan (Local), Sandy McLean (SM) (Local), Vicki McLean (VM) (Local)</p>	
2	Apologies	
	<p>Cllr. John Finlayson, Caroline Connolly (Transport Scotland), Ruaridh Campbell (CMAL), Billy Harley (Uig Community Trust,), Duncan Macdonald – Sub Agent (RJ McLeod)</p>	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes	
	<p>No changes required.</p> <p>Approved by – Steve Scott Seconded by – Garry Smith</p>	
4	Matters Arising	
	<p>Existing toilet block - GS confirms that once the new toilets are operational there is no requirement for the existing toilet block. The future plans for the exiting toilet block and associated land are yet to be confirmed.</p>	
5	Presentation & Open Forum	

<p>SS presents slideshow attached. Questions:</p> <p>SM asks if in future meeting could there be an outline programme showing how far along the project is to completion. SS agrees to provide</p> <p>DM asks if THC are well on with discussions regarding the new public toilets AM discusses that the process is underway and that the decisions are required to go through committee. The plan is for the CalMac toilets to be used as public toilets once operational. The opening times for the CalMac building shall be:</p> <p>Mon – Sat – 0815 – 1830 (Summer) Mon – Sat – 0815 – 1800 (Winter), except Thursdays shuts at 1700 and Sundays 1130 – 1430 VM notes that opening times are currently 24hr and the community expect the new toilets to be open 24Hr. There are people travelling to the ferry and arrive through Uig at all times of night and there needs to be a toilet facility available. MM agrees that 24hr toilets are required by the community and this is what has been agreed in previous meetings. CM also agrees that 24hr access to toilets facilities has been discussed at previous meetings DB adds that a number of years ago the toilets facilities were shut temporarily and that it did cause significant problems. AM agrees to take feedback to building designers and look into a 24hr toilet facility.</p> <p>CM asks for any further questions on the project or outage works</p> <p>GS explains that THC have been asked to present a short update to stakeholders regarding the revised outage plans now that the outage has been split into two sections. The update will also confirm the CalMac services through the outage. This will be provided before the festive break.</p> <p>AR questions whether there would still be a passenger service provided during the outage as this had been discussed previously. DB confirms that there is currently no plan in place for a passenger only service but there shall be a bus service provided from Uig to Ullapool to tie in with the Ullapool – Stornoway ferry.</p> <p>AR asks if now there is not going to be an LNG ferry working from Uig, what will the space designated for the LNG tanks on the pier be used for? AM states that CMAL and Transport Scotland are still reviewing how the vessels are deployed across their network and any changes required at the three ports including the LNG infrastructure and no formal decision has been made. An update from CMAL and TS is expected in January.</p> <p>SM asks if the site will be shut over the Christmas period? SS confirms that the site shall be shut from the 23rd December and shall reopen on 9th January.</p> <p>DM asks that if delays have been caused due to the weather is the project back on programme? SS discusses that the new berthing structure is slightly behind but there are various mitigation measures available to ensure the more critical outage works are not affected.</p>	
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7.	<p>AOCB</p>	
	<p>MM asks whether the project is still within budget GS confirms that the project is still within budget</p> <p>AR explains that the progress on the proposed marina is slow as Andrew Norman has moved away and that all work this far has had no funding available. AR has found someone to help in Andrews place and had asked if THC would be able to pass over some drawings of the new pier to assist with their work? GS agrees to pass over some information in the required format to assist with the planning of the marina.</p> <p>SS asks THC if there has been any update regarding the temporary speed limit? AM explains that after RJM submitted their proposal to carry out the works associated with the temporary speed limit reduction Bear have raised some safety concerns regarding the speed limit reduction. GS shall take up with Bear Scotland following the meeting</p> <p>SS explains static load testing on pier. RJM have been in touch with Enviro Health and would like to discuss with the local community that they would use a nightshift over 2 – 3 nights for the static load tests to allow them to use the crane as this was seriously disrupted due to the ferry traffic. Enviro Health had stated if there were any complaints then the works should be suspended immediately.</p> <p>VM explains that the most annoying noise is the reversing sirens of the plant and asks if these can be turned off during nightshift works? SS agrees that these will be turned off for night working</p> <p>SS adds that during the outage period now that the timescale has been reduced, full 7 day working will be required including the possibility of piling on Sundays.</p> <p>The group agree that piling should be stopped during the hours of 11-1:30 on Sunday to cater for the local church services.</p> <p>AR discusses that the fisherman are delighted with the temporary barge solution on the pier and that all is working well</p> <p>RJM and Subcontractors to cease piling works on Tuesday 29th from 14:00 – 16:00 for local funeral taking place.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	
	<p>19th January 2023 @1800 23rd February 2023 @1800 13th April 2023 @ TBC 25th May 2023 @ TBC</p>	

