

**Uig Harbour Redevelopment
COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**

Minutes taken on [Thursday 19th January 2023 at 1800hrs.](#)

1	Present	Actions
	<p>Cllr Calum Munro – (Highland Council) Chair, Cllr. Michael Greene, Garry Smith (GS)– Lead Officer for Infrastructure (Highland Council), Andrew Maciver – Principal Engineer (Highland Council), Iain MacLennan (The Highland Council), Donald Beaton (Calmac), Ruairidh Campbell (RC)- CMAL, Steve Scott (SS) – Project Manager (RJ McLeod), Kevin Smith (KS)– Site Agent (RJ McLeod), Duncan Macdonald (DM) – Sub Agent RJ McLeod, Angus Ross (AR)- Local, Martin Madigan (MM)- Local, Margaret Freestone (MF)- Local, Stuart Macpherson (SM)- HIE/Local, Murdo Maclean (MM)- Local, Vicky Maclean (VM)- Local, Alan Macrae (AMR) Local</p>	
2	Apologies	
	<p>Cllr. John Finlayson, Cllr. Drew Millar, Caroline Connolly (Transport Scotland), Billy Harley (Uig Community Trust), Sean Melville – Sub Agent (RJ McLeod)</p>	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes	
	<p>No changes required.</p> <p>Approved by – Martin Madigan Seconded by – Angus Ross</p>	
4	Matters Arising	
	<p>Existing toilet block - This is discussed in greater detail further down the minutes</p>	
5	Presentation and Open Forum	

SS presents slideshow attached.

Questions:

AR- When will Fisherman’s compound be handed over for use by Fishermen and locals. Programmed date is 26th June 2023.

MML- What is the current completion date? SS confirmed it was March 2024.

MML- When will piling be completed. SS confirmed around end April depending on any weather delays encountered.

Piling Noise

MM-Some of the local community and some of the older folk and the general feeling is that moral is quite low due to the piling noise and asked if anything can be done for them?

Power outage

MM- Concerns with regards the power outage planned on 7th of February. Given the time of year it wouldn’t be advisable to have the power switched off for the day. Is anything being done to look after the older folk?

KS- RJM and THC will liaise with SSEN to see what can be done to alleviate concerns. An interim update will be provided ahead of the outage. SSEN to be asked about supplying large generators to back feed affected properties.

SS- Potential scope within programme to move works back a couple of months.

AR- The standby generators previously provided at the hall and garage no longer work.

Speed limit

MM- Can we have an update on progress related with lowering the speed limit throughout the village to 30mph

KS- Bear Scotland are willing to allow the 40mph section to be reduced to 30mph for the duration of the works. Works to be carried out by sub-contractor in early March.

SM- Who is progressing/promoting permanent speed limit?

AM- THC are progressing this with Transport Scotland.

SM- What are the next steps?

AM- THC will chase TS by email

SM- Is there anything the community can do to help make this permanent?

AM- Will find out who best to write to and confirm back to community

LNG Tank

AML - Is LNG tank still required?

AM- It is anticipated that the LNG tank is no longer required given the change of vessels but not officially confirmed by TS to date.

Pontoon area

AR- Drawings received today from THC. Proposal to be drafted and passed to Tony Usher for discussion. Outline acceptance is the next goal.

Transport Scotland

AR- Why have TS not attended a meeting yet? They are central to a lot of the key decisions being taken and which affect the local community. Attendance going forward is requested.

CM- Confirms apologies have been received for the past couple of months, a request will be put out for their attendance at the next meeting.

SM- The Citylink bus now stops at Portree for the duration of the outage, there doesn't appear to have been any consultation on this?
 RC- Will ask for clarity on where the decision came from for the bus service to terminate at Portree
 AR- Who decided not to progress with the foot passenger boat service from Uig to Lochmaddy/Tarbert?
 RC- will enquire about this one as well.

Terminal Building/Toilets/Bus route

SM- Can new building be added to agenda. What is the current progress with the design? Toilets? Can meeting be scheduled to look at logistics, bus route in village, timetable, etc?
 AM- Plans are being finalised for the new terminal building revised layout. The architect is currently looking at option to take stairs up to plantroom to the outside of the building. Toilet provision outwith Calmac operating hours requires discussion and would be good to get agreement tonight. The architect has reviewed their plans and would proposed to provide one toilet available to the public outwith CalMac operating hours. Would one toilet out with Calmac opening hours be acceptable to the community? This would be the accessible toilet and opening just one toilet out with CalMac operating hours would limit the risk of the toilets having to close due to vandalism.
 SM- It would be a reduction to what is currently there but may be acceptable
 MF- Will toilets be closed 1 day per week? (Opening times confirmed below)
 CM- Can toilets be open when Calmac staff are on site/in office
 DB- They can
 MF- What are the opening times? (Confirmed below)
 AR- Hopeful of having leisure facilities in the future and asks if shower/wet room can be added to toilet design? Is it possible for two toilets and wet room with shower head to be open outwith CalMac operating hours?
 GS- Pontoon facilities would be better kept separate
 AR- Small budget would affect what could be provided and feels it would be more cost effective to be incorporated within Calmac building
 AM- Building would be better left as is but it would be feasible to have pontoon facilities near storage unit at Fisherman's compound should these be required in the future.
 DB- Phase 2 starts after completion of current building programme
 SM- A meeting is required asap to further discuss the future development of the area, existing building footprint/toilets, etc. Ground gifted to community
 CM- Is it possible to have two toilets open 24/7?
 GS- Architects have already amended the design to provide access to one toilet outwith CalMac operating hours.
 AR- There are currently eight toilets available and this new design would leave the community with one.
 MM- It may be an idea for community to take over the existing toilets and refurbish
 SM- Potential liability given their current condition
 DB- Is plans to close public toilets immediately after new terminal is opened?
 GS- No plans to close the existing toilets yet, where a consultation process requires to be carried out for closure of public toilets.
 SM- Compromise within CMAL was as soon as tender was let, meetings/consultations would start
 RC- Colleagues within CMAL are progressing with plans, building to be dropped, consultation to happen with community in due course to confirm
 RC- Answers to questions will be passed to KS for distribution to the community
 SM- When is tender for building going out?
 AM- Post Meeting confirmation - Tender going out in April 23, start on site July 23 with a completion of June 2024
 SM- What is the plan for the new bus route?
 AM- New bus route to be proposed which will provide a bus layby within the new parking area adjacent to the new terminal building which would avoid the bus routing behind the public car park, passing the Isle of Skye Brewing Co and SFRS vehicle exit door on the gable end of the existing terminal building and

	<p>using the existing bus bay next to the SRFS vehicle access door. AM to contact service operator for review and agreement.</p> <p>MM- 2 people can't decide on toilet situation, needs more consultation</p> <p>MF- 1no 24 hour toilet currently being proposed, can we not consider more?</p> <p>GS- Due to layout of the new terminal building and re-design it's very difficult to have more than one toilet available 24/7 and the proposal is to have one toilet available to the public out with CalMac operating hours. Any decision to close the public toilets in Uig has still to be made and the consultation process will have to be followed and any proposed closure requires to be approved by Council Members.</p> <p>AR 2 facilities have been running for the past 52 years</p> <p>MG- It costs £26,000/year to run toilet block in Nairn. Toilets aren't statutory obligation. 2 toilets in Nairn currently for 11,000 population. Not ideal and is always hot topic within community meetings</p> <p>General view is meeting seems very productive, it's very difficult to get capital funding at the moment. Could you get TS to join by Zoom? To ensure attendance.</p> <p>SM- Potential crown estate funding available. Consultation with local community should be better. No disabled access</p> <p>The opening times for the CalMac building shall be:</p> <p>Mon – Sat – 0815 – 1830 (Summer)</p> <p>Mon – Sat – 0815 – 1800 (Winter), except Thursdays shuts at 1700 and Sundays 1130 – 1430</p>	
7.	<p>AOCB</p>	
	<p>Life Jackets</p> <p>MM- Some operatives don't appear to be wearing their life jackets correcting. Crotch strap appears to be tied off to the side.</p> <p>SS- A tool box talk will be carried out on site to remind personnel of the importance of wearing their lifejackets correctly.</p> <p>Ambulance attendance</p> <p>MM- How is suspected heart attack casualty doing?</p> <p>SS- SPI operative did not have a heart attack (Operative had suffered a heart attack in the past and had treatment) but was feeling faint and unsteady on feet and was taken to Broadford Hospital as a precaution but was discharged later that day.</p> <p>Piling on Sunday</p> <p>The group agreed during the previous meeting that piling should be stopped during the hours of 11-13:30 on Sunday to cater for the local church services. This is during the 8 week outage.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	
	<p>23rd February 2023 @1800</p> <p>13th April 2023 @ TBC</p> <p>25th May 2023 @ TBC</p>	