

YEHAC5002 - CAOL & LOCHYSIDE FPS - COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Approved Minutes for Community Liaison Meeting No. 24
held on Tuesday 29th August 2023 at 19:30 hrs
Meeting held virtually on Microsoft Teams

	Item	Action
1	Introductions	
	Garry Smith (GS) – Principal Designer – The Highland Council Gary Kennedy (GK) – Project Manager’s Representative – The Highland Council Stephen Moore (SM) – Sub Site Agent – RJ McLeod Colin Strange (CS) – Secretary - Caol Community Council Joan Laing (JL) – Member - Caol Community Council John Gillespie (JG) – Chairman – Caol Community Council Florence Cargill (FC) - Assistant PMR – The Highland Council	
2	Apologies DON'T KNOW WHO SENT THEIR APOLOGIES	
	Andrew Baldrey (AB) - Councillor – The Highland Council John Grafton (JG) - Councillor – The Highland Council Liz Saggars (LS) – Councillor – The Highland Council Linda Campbell (LC) – Secretary – Kilmallie Shinty Club Arthur Cowie (AC) – Disability Access Panel	
3	Review of Previous Meeting’s Minutes	
3.1	Item 3.1 – Canal Lane pothole. GK said it will be included in next surfacing activities on Kilmallie road at The Lochy.	GK
3.2	Item 3.2 - Shore access signing. GK shared signs on screen and said he instructed RJM to order them. Lead time is about 1 week, they will be installed w/c 11/09/23.	RJM
3.3	Item 3.3 – Surfacing on Kilmallie road is now complete. GK said that THC and RJM are aware of concerns with the height of ironworks and are dealing with the issue.	GK
3.4	Item 3.5 – Planter. GK said the planter was constructed today with the recovered planters’ stones. The trail panel from the shopping area has also been integrated. GK asked the CC members if they had any thoughts with the old Caol and Bloom mosaic plaque and whether it should be re-installed.	CCC
3.5	Item 4.3 – GK reiterated that the Jubilee trees would be planted during the landscaping works in November.	Note
3.6	Seepage / smell at the shinty club shore access – GK said he was still waiting for a response from THC Environmental Health. FC to chase up and get an update.	FC
3.7	Item 6.3 – McAlpine steps – no works are to take place.	Note

3.8	Item 6.4 – Electrical works invoice for the Community cupboard – SM said he would raise an invoice and send it to Caol CC.	SM
4	Progress	
4.1	Overview of project progress presented by SM. This included an update on traffic management, resurfacing works, and finishing works on the embankment and flood wall section. The presentation will be available on THC website (detailed below) once final minutes are issued https://www.highland.gov.uk/caolandlochysidefloodprotection	Note
4.2	GS asked if the compound (offices/ operatives huts) has been scaled down. GK said the canteen/drying rooms have left the site on Monday 21 st August to go to Uig. Some storage containers have already been sent to Uig a month ago.	Note
4.3	Official opening – GK said that Craig Donn and Peter Gallagher, both from RJM, won't be able to attend. Steve Scott who was on site at the start of the project will be present.	Note
4.4	CS asked about the flood gates. GK said they will be opened for the official opening. They will be opened and padlocked. One gate at the pumping station will be permanently closed and will be opened for maintenance access only.	Note
4.5	JG asked when the project will be finished. GK said THC and RJM are facilitating some surfacing and drainage works for Carr's Corner for a couple of weeks. Then in November the dormant season landscaping works will start.	Note
5	Transport Management	
5.1	JG asked about the TM for the gullies works in Kilmallie road at The Lochy. GK said there will be consultations with all the stakeholders for all future works and traffic management. Some sections may require to be closed with amnesties for local access. These consultations are due to start soon and works may start w/c 18/09 for The Lochy section and w/c 11/10 for the Farmfoods section.	GK
5.2	CS asked if public transport will be disturbed again. GK said they will, and THC will liaise with the bus services.	GK
5.3	CS asked why there were 2 sets of traffic lights during the recent surfacing. GK said it was to avoid any tail back and blockages which would happen with only one set of traffic lights.	Note
5.4	JG hopes that lessons will be learnt for the next run of traffic management. GK said THC will be more comprehensive in the TM description.	GK
5.5	CS said that Caol CC were not aware of the resurfacing of the footpath on Kilmallie road. GK said an opportunity arose and it was decided to go ahead at the last minute. The resurfacing has made a real improvement to that section. The width of the hedges along the footpath continues to be an issue despite numerous efforts from THC to liaise with house owners. GS that at a last resort people can be served a legal notice to cut their hedges.	Note
6	Community Benefits	
6.1	Caol CC said it would be a good idea to total up the value of all the community benefits that have been delivered during the project. GK said he would liaise with GS and see what is suitable to be disclosed to the public domain.	GK/GS

6.2	GK and Fc are in the process of producing a report on the Community benefits with descriptions and photographs. This will be distributed.	FC/GK
7	AOCB	
7.1	GK to leave x2 copies of RJM presentation, and Community Cupboard key, at reception for collection and display by Caol Community Council.	Note
7.2	<p>CS has emailed GK regarding the play park. Caol CC have been contacted by parents at their last community council. The concerns are as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents are concerned that the fence does not go completely around the area like the old playpark. Children are running up the banking and across the path without looking and they are concerned that a child and a cyclist could collide causing injury to one or both. 2. The rocks that have been placed in the area are too close to the equipment and children are trying to jump from there to the rocks. They are asking for rocks to be removed. 3. The drainage is very poor in the area, and it is now very muddy. 4. The rope netting that is on one of the climbing frames is held by metal rings. where the ropes cross these clips are causing children to get scratches on legs and arms. 5. Grass needs cutting <p>GS said there was usually a Stage 3 safety audit on any completed scheme. These concerns will be noted, and some measures may need to be retrofitted.</p> <p>SM said they will check the metal rings tomorrow and contact the supplier if required.</p>	SM
7.3	Parents also noted that dog fouling was an issue in the playpark and that full fencing would help with that problem.	Note
7.4	CS said that a trial bike was riding on the flood embankment and the police intervened.	Note
7.5	<p>Grass cuttings – GK said the defect period for the planting was 156 weeks. There are 4 cuts a year and the local area can supplement them as required.</p> <p>This should also apply to the grass along the wall.</p> <p>Wildflowers seeds will be sown soon.</p>	GK/SM
7.6	Mr Campbell's fence along Kilmallie road has been vandalised over the weekend after being repaired by RJM last Friday. GS asked for photos to be sent to him. FC to email photographs.	FC
7.7	John thanked THC and RJM for their input during the project. It was decided to have another CLM in the next month or so.	Note
8	Date of next meeting	
8.1	Date to be planned and invites to be sent.	GK/FC