

Minutes taken on [Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 18:30](#)

1	<b>Present</b>	<b>Actions</b>
	Michelle Hinch (RJM), Michael Osborne (RJM), John MacLeod (RJM), Andrew Maciver (THC), Sandy Maclean (Local), Vicki Maclean (Local), Cllr Callum Munro (THC), Angus Ross (Local), Martin Madigan (Local), Jamie Fraser (RJM), Emily Currie (RJM), Margaret Freestone (Local), Donald Beaton (CalMac)	
2	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Cllr Miller (THC), Gary Smith (THC), Duncan MacDonald (RJM), Iain MacLennan (THC)	
3	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	
	No changes required.  Approved by – Martin Madigan Seconded by – Vicki MacLean	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	None	
5	<b>Presentation &amp; Open Forum</b>	
	JM Presents slide show of works since last meeting.  See attached presentation.  MM- asks if the old quay at the end corner is going to be upgraded and questioned why harbour office isn't upgraded? What goes underneath the concrete, is it worse than what they are repairing at the moment?	

AM- As the concrete repairs to the old pierhead were not considered associated to the ferry operation, these were not grant eligible within the funding agreement with Transport Scotland.

Following a reinspection of the old pierhead and additional repairs being required with increase in cost, the essential concrete repairs to the old pierhead are currently being reviewed to consider options which include concrete repairs or replacement.

MM- The money that you saved on the CalMac building could have been used on that corner?

AM- There is a budget allocated to the terminal building, and the retender should come in close to the original budget.

There is no saving from the budget to spend elsewhere. That is a TS funded building and THC cannot spend that anywhere else in the harbour.

MM- So you are going to leave that little corner?

AM- We will have a review and make a decision on that and obtain approval for the budget from THC.

CIlr Munro- So it is under review and the end of the Pier is not part of this contract?

AM- Yes

JM- Runs through the slide of works to take place in the upcoming months.

DB- Where is the interceptor tank?

JM- There are two tanks. One on the new berthing structure and the other will be going up before the approachway.

The planned outage of works for phase two will start on 30<sup>th</sup> October until 11<sup>th</sup> December. Works include:

- Demolition of the existing linkspan.
- Demolition of 2no lifting dolphins.
- Extraction of existing piles.
- Removal of 2no protection piles.
- Removal of existing fenders.
- Installation of new fenders.
- Installation and commissioning of the new linkspan.

MM- If we get some bad weather between the 30<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> December and it is not finished, when do you go on holiday?

JM- We finish on 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will have to factor that in. If we get bad weather during the day then good at night then we might have to work during the night.

MM- When the ferry comes back on the 11<sup>th</sup> December and it is not finished, you can't do anything? Secondly are you finished on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays

JM- We are finished on 22<sup>nd</sup> December until 7<sup>th</sup> January.  
We have had jobs before where we have had to work over the Christmas holidays.

AR- Would it run over for two weeks?

JM- to make up for bad weather the workforce will be working weekends.

AR- With the weather this week have you been able to pour concrete?

JM- We have.

JM- Continues with slide show.

AR- Have you got a date for when the dry berth will be usable as it has moving since the original plan in May?

JM- There was no date in the contract for it.  
The final pour will be 16<sup>th</sup> October and then the ladders installed. In the fisherman's compound you can see the concrete needs to be poured and completed. There are also ladders in the approachway to be installed but that won't be before Christmas.  
When do you usually start using it?

AR-Generally Springtime.

JM- The plan is to tar that area in Oct/Nov, the concrete pour for fisherman's compound will be the end of the year.

JM- back to slide show.

JM-Runs through community benefits.

JM- any questions?

MM-The A87 road you cut out and put some tar in it? Will that be done properly?

JM-Yes that is only a temporary patch.

AR- For THC, what are you going to do with the extra infill space for now?

AM-We have to provide a crane for the power bunkering to the new vessels and a container beside it will also be required.

AR- It would be good if it was developed nice and not just containers on top of each other.

	<p>CLlr Munro- Is there anything else?</p> <p>AM- I was in touch with TS and there is a 20mph speed limit in the harbour area of the A87 Trunk Road which comes into force on Monday for a trial period of 18 months and I don't think that the signage is installed to date.</p> <p>MM- Where is the 20mph speed limit?</p> <p>AM- It is 115 meters from the NE corner of the terminal building which is the strt/end of the 30mph/40mph speed limit. Traffic counters still need to go in for the area to be considered for reducing to 30mph from 40mph and it will be assessed by TS.</p> <p>EC- When are they going to put the sign in?</p> <p>AM-They didn't say.</p> <p>MF- When does the Sat Nav get updated with the speed limits? Do TS advise someone?</p> <p>MM- It goes straight away.</p> <p>CLlr Munro- That's a TS question.</p> <p>AR- The ferry bus will be stopped except for the midday one for the period of the outage.</p> <p>AR- Do you know who the preferred tenderer is for the terminal building?</p> <p>AM- The tenders are currently being evaluated.</p> <p>CLlr Munro- Thank you for coming.</p>	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	
	16 <sup>th</sup> November	

