

CORRAN FERRY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Minutes for Community Liaison Meeting No. 2

held on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 19:00 hrs

Meeting held in Ardgour Village Hall



	Item	Action
1	Introductions/Apologies	
	<p>The Community Liaison Meetings are an opportunity for the community to liaise with the project delivery team and receive information on works progress and works that are planned. It also allows for community feedback on project related issues or any impact from the ongoing works. This meeting is not the forum for wider ferry related issues.</p> <p>Project delivery team members were then invited to introduce themselves and define their roles in the delivery of the infrastructure improvement works, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garry Smith (GS) – Service Lead – THC • Andrew MacIver (AM) – Principal Engineer/Project Sponsor – THC • Murray Bain (MB) – Vessel Procurement Project Manager – THC • Gary Kennedy (GK) – Project Manager’s Representative – THC • Flo Cargill (FC) – Assistant Project Manager’s Representative – THC • Ryan Lavery (RL) – Project Manager – Charles Brand Group Ltd • Andy Bate (AB) – Community Liaison Officer – Charles Brand Group Ltd <p>Local Councillors Matthew Prosser and Thomas MacLennan, as well as secretary of Ardgour Community Council Claire Benett-Levy, had made themselves available to attend online however were unable to as this facility had not been provided for these meetings. THC apologise for the frustration and inconvenience caused and will plan for making remote attendance an option for future meetings.</p>	
2	Review of previous minutes	
3.3	A query was raised regarding timings for works on the Ardgour side. RL confirmed that works would not be commencing on the Ardgour side of the scheme until late March/Early April 2026. Further details of works planned will be shared in advance of next community liaison meeting.	Note
3.6	The contractor has requested an extension of working hours to suit crew working patterns and tidal condition to extend the working hours to include the potential for Sunday working to aid operatives working patterns. Discussions with EHO ongoing. THC/CBGL will liaise with piling subcontractor regarding ‘soft’ start to reduce disruption to residents and hotel guests. Mitigation measures will be developed through further consultation and will be communicated to affected stakeholders.	THC/ CBGL
3.10	A query was raised about the impact of traffic light control and subsequent queuing on the A82, adjacent to the existing Corran Ferry junction. Right turn from A82 into Corran Ferry occasionally blocked by queuing traffic. THC/CBGL to erect ‘Keep Junction Clear’ signing to inform queuing traffic of right turn manoeuvre requirements.	THC/ CBGL
4.1	A query was raised regarding the possibility of suspending the ferry charge for foot passengers for the duration of the works. GS stated that passenger charges were controlled by council policy but committed to investigate for next meeting. <u>Note:-</u>	Note

	<i>Following the meeting the Assistant Chief Executive of the Council, Malcolm Macleod, confirmed that foot passenger fares would not be suspended during the works.</i>	
4.2	A query was raised regarding the possibility of erecting signing at Nether Lochaber notifying visitors that Ardgour is still 'Open for Business'. THC amenable to this proposal. THC/CBGL and Ardgour Community Council to liaise regarding options for signing.	THC/ CBGL
4.4	A query was raised regarding the change to parking proposed for the new scheme on the Ardgour side of the works. The project team will continue to work with the community to accommodate the parking needs. THC will liaise with residents and local member/councillors to establish a collectively agreeable solution.	THC
4.7	A query was raised regarding the possibility of including a tide height marker post within both the temporary and permanent works on the Ardgour side of the scheme. THC to share options and potential locations for both temporary and permanent tide height marker provision.	THC
3	Contractor Update	
3.1	RL of Charles Brand Group Ltd provided an update of works that were ongoing, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compound and site accommodation at Corran 2. Compound and site accommodation at Ardgour 3. Tree and vegetation clearance for new A82 junction at Corran 4. New junction construction works at new A82 junction at Corran 	Note
3.2	RL then presented an overview of planned works for the coming period, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redeployment of Traffic Management on the A82 at Corran from 23/03/2026 2. Continuation tree and vegetation clearance for new A82 junction at Corran 3. Continuation of junction construction works at new A82 junction at Corran 4. Commencement of shore works on the Ardgour side 5. Commencement of sheet piling works on the Ardgour side 6. Commencement of dredging works on both sides 	Note
3.3	A query was raised regarding promotion of the CLM. THC committed to promoting schedule and locations on Community Noticeboards. Meeting information also to be circulated to individuals who expressed an interest in receiving the meeting minutes. Meeting format is open, and details can be shared with anyone who is interested. THC to include the following link to scheme specific page on the Highland Council website on any promotional material - https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/132/corran-ferry-infrastructure-improvement-scheme-cfiis-	THC
3.4	A query was raised regarding expected lorry movements during Ardgour side works. RL confirmed that approximately 20 deliveries (40 vehicular movements) would be expected each day. These would be 8-wheeler rigid tipper lorries. Total volume required 30k tons. Further query was raised regarding holding area for stacking deliveries during busy summer months. RL confirmed that site compound could be used to stagger deliveries if necessary. CBGL to monitor impact of works and mitigate issues as necessary.	Note
3.5	A query was raised regarding proposed start dates for the berthing structure. RL confirmed that this was due to start in May 2026.	Note

3.6	RL confirmed that hoarding was scheduled to be installed along the front of Ardgour in the coming weeks, in anticipation of the start of the Ardgour shore works.	Note
4	AOCB	
4.1	A query was raised regarding access to the memorial adjacent to the Ardgour site compound and if it would be severed by the compound fencing. CBGL to create gap where hoarding meets existing ryloc fence to facilitate non-motorised users' movements across the field.	CBGL
4.2	A query was raised to express concern about guillemots exclusion works on the existing Ardgour pier. Several meeting attendees expressed disappointment at the process of exclusion. GK confirmed that all works had been progressed under the supervision of CBGL's Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW), and THC's ECoW's supervision, and in compliance with all associated regulatory requirements. Frustration at lack of communication in advance of these ecologically sensitive works was expressed. THC committed to including works with environmental impact in future meetings, for review and comments, in advance of the commencement of works.	THC/ CBGL
4.3	A query was raised regarding expected level of noise from upcoming piling activities. RL stated that the noise levels would be like an excavator operating/HGV passing. GK confirmed that there were noise and vibration monitoring requirements detailed in the contract, and that noise and vibration monitoring equipment would be deployed prior to any works. Locations would be agreed by THC. CBGL committed to notifying affected residents prior to the works (likely a letter drop). THC/CBGL contact details to be included in any correspondence issued, including any notices posted and promotional posters for noticeboards.	CBGL
4.4	A query was raised regarding the proposal to have the meetings alternatively in Ardgour and Nether Lochaber. GK stated that most of the affected residents were located on the Ardgour side, so meetings would continue in the Ardgour Hall for now. This will be confirmed in any correspondence issued, including any notices posted and promotional posters for noticeboards.	Note
4.5	Parking issues detailed in previous minutes (item 4.4) were raised again. GK confirmed that liaison had been made with local councillors by objector and this would advance in a separate meeting. GK to liaise direct with objector and councillors to establish final solution for parking at Ardgour.	THC
5	Date of Next Meeting	
5.1	Wednesday 15 th April 2026 at 19:00 Hrs at Ardgour Hall.	