

# Ness Castle stakeholder group meeting 16 minutes

## Microsoft Teams

22 June 2022 at 6:30pm

| In ttendance   | Initials              |
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| <b>Councillors</b><br>Cllr Alasdair Christie<br>Cllr Jackie Hendry   | AC<br>JH              |
| <b>Parent Council Representatives</b><br>Andrew Martin, Holm Parent Council<br>Stuart McLean, Ness Castle Parent Council   | AM<br>SM              |
| <b>Community Representatives</b><br>Murray McCheyne, Holm Community Council<br>Scott McRoberts, Resident   | MMC<br>SMR            |
| <b>Holm Primary</b><br>Ruth MacKay, Head Teacher<br>Janine Webb, Acting Head Teacher   | RMK<br>JW             |
| <b>Lochardil Primary</b><br>Audrey Kellacher, Head Teacher, Lochardil Primary  | AK                    |
| <b>Ness Castle Primary</b><br>Craig Conon, Head Teacher  | CC                    |
| <b>Highland Council Representatives</b><br>Robert Campbell, Estates Strategy Manager<br>Dorothy Gibb, Principal Estates Officer<br>Alan Paul, Estates Officer<br>Ian Graham, Road Safety Officer | RC<br>DMG<br>AP<br>IG |
| <b>Kier Construction</b><br>Lindsay McNaughton<br>Finlay Niven   | LMN<br>FN             |
| <b>Apologies</b><br><br>Liz Scott, ELC Commissioner<br>Gordon Stewart, Education Adviser<br>Fiona Sangster, Estates Co-ordinator   |                       |

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| 1.   | <b>Welcome and apologies</b><br><br>• AC Welcomed everyone to the meeting |        |

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| 2.   | <p><b>Update</b></p> <p><b>THC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DG – preparations with Holm proceeding at pace.</li> <li>• No major hitches.</li> <li>• SSE connection approved but a tight timeline of connection 11/8/22.</li> <li>• Generator as a backup should no electrical connection be completed on time.</li> <li>• Furniture order placed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Keir</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FN- exterior envelope good progress with brick and curtain walling expected to be complete early July.</li> <li>• Services work has proceeded with gas pipe laid, BT and water expected to be connected 30/6/22. Power is now on.</li> <li>• Exterior landscape works progressing and works to footpaths.</li> <li>• Interior works currently in progressing with internal finishing's, flooring, IPS panelling.</li> <li>• Next stage is awaiting ceiling install to all for fixed furniture installation.</li> <li>• FN advised that the programmed building handover date of 12 August has slipped by up to two weeks due to various issues with Keir's supply chain and Covid related issues.</li> <li>• RC commented that the contingency plan at Holm Primary had been agreed in anticipation of a further potential delay such as this and was being implemented.</li> <li>• DG Advised that the Care Inspectorate are to visit on 27/6/22 and that CC and education colleagues would liaise with this visit from Margaret Murray.</li> </ul> |        |
| 3.   | <p><b>Safer Routes to School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IG advised that he and CC and he have been in liaison with Chloe Dobson Living Streets Scotland regards active travel map in relation to school pick up and drop off.</li> <li>• Chloe will also help speed hump design and position.</li> <li>• Chloe will also work directly with the school regards a rewards scheme to encourage walk, cycle or scoot to school, this is peer checked throughout Scotland with the Highlands doing well in terms of participation.</li> <li>• She will produce graphical information to be distributed to children and parents.</li> <li>• AC queried any ongoing discussion with Stagecoach regarding bus route and timetabling of No7 bus.</li> </ul>   |        |

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|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IG advised his meeting public transport but did advise current bus usage is low.</li> <li>AC suggest use might increase due to social housing in the Maples.</li> <li>MM requested a copy of the active travel map to help distribute to info to wider community.</li> </ul>   | IG     |
| 4.   | <p><b>Transition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CC – Progress has gone well, with a variety of events for P1 and nursery such as picnic, active schools work, Holm move up day work.</li> <li>CC updated the meeting in regard the clerical and teaching staff posts being filled.</li> <li>CC advised work on video orientation is planned for distribution over the holidays such staff intros, where to go, line up areas, playground position.</li> <li>CC confirmed education resources were already arriving ahead of schedule.</li> <li>Uniforms were now available.</li> <li>Working with Care Inspectorate regarding nursery provision.</li> <li>MM asked the school numbers and CC confirmed 110 Primary and 65 Nursery pupils. 2xP1 1xP2, 1xP3, 1xP4 and 1xP5/6</li> <li>CC also wanted to put on record his thanks regard the excellent support from Holm PS staff during this time.</li> </ul> |        |
| 5.   | <p><b>Community benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LM feedback on progress to include works with Holm PS, careers event at IRA with construction professionals offering advice, STEM related to construction work, 2 works placements from the Job Centre and with the possibility of more placements.</li> <li>Volunteering Event at the Botanical Garden.</li> <li>Offer of support during the transition period to Holm/Ness.</li> </ul>  |        |
| 6.   | <p><b>6. AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the impending holidays no stakeholder meeting is planned but any significant updates would be shared with the group especially about any further delays.</li> </ul>   |        |
| 7.   | <p><b>7. Date of next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 6.30pm</li> </ul>  |        |