

Ness Castle stakeholder group meeting 16 minutes

Microsoft Teams

22 June 2022 at 6:30pm

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

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1.	Welcome and apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">AC Welcomed everyone to the meeting	

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2.	<p>Update</p> <p>THC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG – preparations with Holm proceeding at pace. • No major hitches. • SSE connection approved but a tight timeline of connection 11/8/22. • Generator as a backup should no electrical connection be completed on time. • Furniture order placed. <p>Keir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FN- exterior envelope good progress with brick and curtain walling expected to be complete early July. • Services work has proceeded with gas pipe laid, BT and water expected to be connected 30/6/22. Power is now on. • Exterior landscape works progressing and works to footpaths. • Interior works currently in progressing with internal finishing's, flooring, IPS panelling. • Next stage is awaiting ceiling install to all for fixed furniture installation. • 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. • 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. • 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. 	
3.	<p>Safer Routes to School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Chloe will also help speed hump design and position. • 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. • She will produce graphical information to be distributed to children and parents. • AC queried any ongoing discussion with Stagecoach regarding bus route and timetabling of No7 bus. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IG advised his meeting public transport but did advise current bus usage is low. AC suggest use might increase due to social housing in the Maples. MM requested a copy of the active travel map to help distribute to info to wider community. 	IG
4.	<p>Transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. CC updated the meeting in regard the clerical and teaching staff posts being filled. CC advised work on video orientation is planned for distribution over the holidays such staff intros, where to go, line up areas, playground position. CC confirmed education resources were already arriving ahead of schedule. Uniforms were now available. Working with Care Inspectorate regarding nursery provision. MM asked the school numbers and CC confirmed 110 Primary and 65 Nursery pupils. 2xP1 1xP2, 1xP3, 1xP4 and 1xP5/6 CC also wanted to put on record his thanks regard the excellent support from Holm PS staff during this time. 	
5.	<p>Community benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Volunteering Event at the Botanical Garden. Offer of support during the transition period to Holm/Ness. 	
6.	<p>6. AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
7.	<p>7. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 6.30pm 	