



Ardersier Community Liaison Group

Draft Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 30 January 2019

Location: PACE Café, Station Road, Ardersier

Present:

Chair	Kevin Reid (KR)
Ardersier and Petty Community Council	Valery Kirby (VK) Christine Wood (CW)
Highland Council	Cllr Roddy Balfour (RB) Cllr Trish Robertson (TR)
Scottish Water (SW)	Gavin Steel, Corporate Affairs Manager (GS)
ESD (WWTW project)	Graeme Campbell, Project Manager (GC)
aBV (outfall project)	George Labram, Project Manager (GL) Kris Cameron, Project Manager (KC) Steve Scott, Customer Manager (SS)

Apologies:

Paul Morley



Community Liaison Group Objective

'The aim of the community liaison group is to minimise any negative impact and maximise the positive impact on the local community.'

The group will provide feedback and guidance on Scottish Water's programme of engagement and communication with the local community, elected representatives and other stakeholders throughout the construction element of the approved projects. This will facilitate feedback and enable informed debate that will help Scottish Water identify areas of concern, explore solutions, aid communication and progress the projects.'

Minutes

1. Welcome & introductions

Kevin Reid welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review of previous minutes and actions

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and no amendments were made. Actions were reviewed as follows:

- 1) *GC / ESD to check if there have been any finds in the course of excavation work at the WWTW which might be of interest.*

GC had provided some items which had been found to CW for the Heritage Group to have a look at.

- 2) *Scottish Water / aBV to review access information signage ahead of work starting and add the further location suggested.*

aBV intend to install an additional sign at the extra location identified where members of the public take access to the MoD land

- 3) *Scottish Water / aBV to decide whether a drop-in event should be held and, if so, advise CLG members of the arrangements.*

It was noted that it had ultimately been decided to hold an event and this had taken place immediately before the CLG meeting.

- 4) *Scottish Water to arrange further print run of History Group walk leaflet.*

GS noted that this was still outstanding and he would pursue further. If additional copies were needed in the interim, these could be produced by SW.



Action 1: Scottish Water to arrange further print run of History Group walk leaflet.

5) *Scottish Water to book the PACE Café for 2019 CLG meetings.*

GS confirmed this had been done and noted his thanks to Tricia Macpherson and the Woods for their willingness to accommodate meetings.

3. **Scottish Water update**

(a) **Waste Water Treatment Works**

GC gave an update and shared some photographs showing the continuing progress of work at the WWTW site.

Water tests on the aeration lanes had been completed successfully since the last meeting and these had not been backfilled.

After a short delay to ensure appropriate and safe management of traces of asbestos material, excavation for the Final Settlement Tanks (FSTs) was now proceeding well. The site team were preparing for the first concrete pour and hoping to catch up with the programme, particularly during the mechanical and electrical work which would follow.

Traffic management arrangements appeared to have been operating smoothly and aBV activity was due to use the same system.

As noted, some concrete deliveries were due to resume in the coming weeks. ESD's subcontractor Balmoral would be coming to site and working on the construction of the circular tanks.

TR asked how the road is holding up.

GC indicated that fortnightly joint inspections were taking place with Highland Council, with the next one due to take place on Friday (1 Feb). Some verge damage had been noted over the Christmas period and this was being followed up.

KR asked if there were any other issues being experienced with the TMP.

GC noted there had been an issue earlier in the construction when a quantity of sandbags had been removed and there had been occasional issues with signage being moved. The measures in place were being monitored on a daily basis to ensure any minor issues were remedied promptly.



(b) Outfall extension

GL introduced himself and explained that he was picking up the delivery of the outfall extension project on behalf of amey-Black & Veatch, taking over from Sam Neill who had developed the project and attended earlier CLG meetings.

aBV's main subcontractor, ABCO Marine had been appointed and was expecting to begin initial work in mid-February.

The current programme anticipated work being finished by the end of April, giving some contingency for the time window agreed with the MoD until the end of May. All permissions and the Marine Licence were in place.

TR asked what the start date would be for the work.

GL confirmed that initial work to upgrade the bellmouth at the entrance to the onshore site would begin within a few weeks. Early work was expected to be shore-based, with marine work expected to begin in March.

GL noted that the biggest unknown in the programme was the weather, which would determine the ability to get people on and off the jack-up barge safely via support vessels.

KR asked how the risk of unexploded ordinance was being managed.

GL explained that surveys had been completed to record the position of metal objects on the seabed. These were not believed to be ordinance, but would be approached on a precautionary basis with specialist support.

(c) Rising main

There was no new information to report. Reinstatement would continue to be monitored over the coming year.

4. Discussion

VK noted that she had experience odours and seen operational attendance at the Ship Inn pumping station the previous weekend.

GS indicated that he was unaware of this incident and that the pumping station had been unaffected by SW's recent work in the village. Attendance was likely to have been a routine operational response. He agreed to find out more and report back.

Action 2: Scottish Water to report back on reason for operational attendance at Ship Inn pumping station.

Leaving a legacy

GS noted that it was provisionally proposed to hold a community walk at Ardersier Common on the afternoon of Sunday 3 March, which would be hosted by Interpretation and John Orr from the Highlife Highland Ranger Team, supported by SW. He invited feedback on whether this was likely to be a suitable time.

Members indicated that Sunday afternoon was generally a good time. TR suggested contacting Dawn Mackenzie of JAPES and GS agreed to ensure this was done. The event would be advertised via a poster, social media and press release to encourage anyone interested to attend.

Action 3: Scottish Water to confirm community walk for Sunday 3 March, arrange promotion with Interpretation and ensure Dawn Mackenzie / JAPES were made aware.

KR noted that it would be welcome if progress could be made with the new interpretation panels proposed ahead of the summer.

Newsletter

GS indicated that it wasn't proposed to produce a further newsletter in the immediate future, but all residents had recently been contacted with information about the outfall extension work and drop-in event.

The best timing for a further newsletter would be kept under review.

5. Any other business

There was no other business.

6. Future meetings

Meetings would continue to be held in the PACE Café on the last Wednesday of alternate months.

Remaining 2019 meeting dates, unless otherwise notified, would be:

Wednesday 27th March
Wednesday 29th May
Wednesday 31st July
Wednesday 25th September
Wednesday 27th November