



Ardersier Community Liaison Group

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 27 March 2019

Location: PACE Café, Station Road, Ardersier

Present:

Chair	Kevin Reid (KR)
Ardersier and Petty Community Council	Christine Wood (CW)
Highland Council	Cllr Trish Robertson (TR)
Scottish Water (SW)	Paul Morley, Customer Delivery Manager (PM)
ESD (WWTW project)	Graeme Campbell, Project Manager (GC)
aBV (outfall project)	Steve Scott, Customer Manager (SS)

Apologies:

Gavin Steel (GS)
Valery Kirby (VK)
Cllr Roddy Balfour (RB)
George Labram (GL)
Kris Cameron (KC)



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

KR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were noted from GS, VK, RB, GL and KC.

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

GS has provided some additional leaflets but it was noted that this was still outstanding and he would pursue further.

- 2) *Scottish Water to report back on reason for operational attendance at Ship Inn pumping station.*

PM confirmed that this was due to a pump blockage. This was a normal operational issue and was unrelated to work at the WWTW and the new pipeline. PM noted that the new pipeline bypasses Ship Inn pumping station and pumps directly to the WWTW.

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

The community walk was held on Sunday 3 March and had been very successful. It was felt that the event was well attended, with about 20 people returning to the PACE Café afterwards to capture thoughts for the interpretation boards.



PM thanked CW for opening up the café especially for the event.

3. Scottish Water update

(a) Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW)

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

Excavations and blinding for the Primary Settlement Tanks has begun.

The final chambers of the aeration lanes are under drop test. Once this is successfully completed the remaining backfill will be undertaken.

Good progress is being made on the Final Settlement Tanks with the base slabs being ready to pour and the reinforcement steel for the walls being constructed.

Traffic management arrangements appeared to have been operating smoothly and aBV activity was successfully using the same system. It was noted that some issues of verge damage had occurred but this was not down to SW activity and TEC Services had raised this with the appropriate parties.

(b) Outfall extension

SS gave an update and shared some photos of the barge and the initial site work.

The initial couple of weeks on site had been site establishment and mobilisation of materials. The barge is now offshore and trench excavation and pipeline fusing is underway.

Unexploded ordnance survey has been completed.

A marine mammal observer is present on the barge and undertakes checks prior to work starting.

The pipeline should be moved into place in the next few weeks and aBV are currently on course for mid-May completion.

KR inquired about the work to upgrade the bellmouth at the entrance to the onshore site as he didn't believe this had been done.



Action 1: aBV to confirm the requirement for, and status of, this work.

4. Discussion

Feedback from members

Members discussed traffic movements in the village but it was noted that this was not on the TMP route and not due to SW construction activity.

TR raised a concern regarding 'tarmac damage' on part of the pipeline route at the junction of Nairn Road. It was noted that this may be SW or BT reinstatement.

Action 2: SW to look into this and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Leaving a legacy

As noted during the Actions section, the community walk had taken place. Proposals were currently being worked up by Interpretation and would be sent across to GS in due course.

5. Any other business

PM advised that the SID sign had now been removed by Highland Council for repair.

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