



## **Ardersier Community Liaison Group**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Location:** PACE Café, Station Road, Ardersier

**Present:**

Highland Council

- Cllr Trish Robertson (TR)
- Cllr Roddy Balfour (RB)

Ardersier and Petty Community Council

- Kevin Reid (KR)
- Christine Wood (CW)
- Valery Kirby (VK)

ESD (WWTW Project)

- Graeme Campbell, Project Manager (GC)

Scottish Water (SW)

- Paul Morley, Customer Delivery Manager (PM)

**Apologies:**

Gavin Steel (GS)



## **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 and welcomed members to the meeting and noted apologies from GS.

### **2. Review of previous minutes and actions**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Actions were reviewed as follows:

- 1. ESD and SW to consider requirement for communication and arrangements for operation of the Traffic Management Plan on defined date in the new year.*

Once arrangements for the new year are confirmed, an update letter will be send to residents on or near the HGV delivery route.

- 2. Discuss requirement for meetings in 2020 at September meeting and agree suitable arrangements*

Discussion was held regarding the action from the previous meeting to agree CLG meetings going forwards.

It was agreed that the meetings were useful and continued to provide an effective liaison mechanism between the project and the community. It was agreed to reduce the frequency to quarterly from 2020 and then next meetings will therefore be held in November 2019 and then February 2020.



### **3. Scottish Water update**

#### **Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW)**

GC circulated pictures showing the latest progress on site.

Main activity has been on the Return Liquor Pumping Station which is a 5m deep structure. This has all had to be undertaken under UXO monitoring and has therefore taken longer than initially planned. Underground pipework and ducting installation has been progressed with this element now substantially complete and the formation of concrete plinths has begun in readiness for delivery of the mechanical elements (e.g. pump skids).

GC highlighted the off-site manufacture of manholes chambers as one example of small innovations being used to reduce time on site.

GC re-confirmed the delays to the scraper bridges for the settlement tanks (last one now due to be delivered in April 2020) and advised that the TTRO had now been extended accordingly.

Mechanical elements of plant will be starting to arrive over the coming weeks so there will be a small increase in the use of the convoy arrangements.

SSE will have a 1 day road closure (Half of the road at a time) in order to lay a cable for the new substation. The date of this remains to be confirmed by SSE.

The CLG advised that they had not received any contacts regarding the traffic management arrangements. SW has not received any further contacts regarding HGVs going through the village. GC advised that vehicle monitoring is ongoing.

### **4. Discussion**

#### **Questions and feedback from members**

VK asked when the new works would be 'functioning'.

GC explained that commissioning would take place in 3 phases (Dry testing, Wet Testing and Plant Commissioning). GC said that commissioning activities were likely to start around April 2020.



It was noted that Springfield development of 120 houses was due to go to Planning in November.

It was again noted that the site visit had taken place a number of months ago and that members had found it helpful to see the progress of work on site for themselves. It was agreed that another site visit in Spring 2020 should be arranged.

**Action 1:** ESD/SW to arrange a site visit for the CLG in Spring 2020.

### **Leaving a legacy**

No updates discussed.

### **5. Any other business**

There was no other business.

### **6. Future meetings**

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

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

As agreed during the review of actions from the previous month, meeting schedule for 2020 will be on quarterly basis with the first 2 meetings being February and then May (exact dates tbc).