



Ardersier Community Liaison Group

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 25 July 2018

Location: PACE Café, Station Road, Ardersier

Present:

Chair	Kevin Reid (KR)
Highland Council	Cllr Trish Robertson (TR) Cllr Roddy Balfour (RB)
Ardersier and Petty Community Council	Christine Wood (CW)
Scottish Water (SW)	Gavin Steel: Corporate Affairs Manager (GS)
ESD	Graeme Campbell: Project Manager (GC)

Apologies:

Valery Kirby, 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) *SW to carry out further reinstatement work where required to improve grassed areas in the vicinity of the Pocket Garden / car park*

GS explained that further seeding had been held up due to the very dry conditions as it was thought this was unlikely to be successful, but that this would be addressed when conditions improved.

Action 1: SW to carry out further reinstatement work where required to improve grassed areas in the vicinity of the Pocket Garden / car park

- 2) *SW to circulate updated copy of Traffic Management Plan for CLG members to review.*

KR noted this had been done.

- 3) *SW to write to C1005 residents advising them of the arrangements before operation of the Traffic Management Plan resumes.*

GS confirmed this had been done.

- 4) *TR to discuss with JAPES potential jobs Scottish Water could assist with at the Pocket Garden.*



This had been done and progress had been made with arranging some work for SW volunteers at the Pocket Garden. GS thanked TR for her help in moving this forward.

5) *GS to finalise project update newsletter and circulate to CLG members ahead of distribution.*

This had been done and the newsletter had been issued.

6) *SW to follow up in relation to exposed pipe on Lower Carse Road following ditching work.*

GS confirmed that the exposed section of pipe had been located and was connected with the Whiteness site. The infrastructure concerned was not yet transferred into Scottish Water's care, so the matter would be dealt with by the developer.

3. Scottish Water update

(a) Waste Water Treatment Works

GC introduced himself to the Group. He explained that work had recently resumed at the WWTW site to deliver the growth project.

Following a short delay, the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) associated with the renewed operation of the Traffic Management Plan was in place and this was due to come into effect from Monday (30th July). This would enable HGV deliveries to be made to the site again.

The initial work planned was enabling work in order to provide an alternative operational access for Scottish Water tankers while construction was taking place. This would be followed by relocating and re-establishing the site cabins in a different area of the site. Over the next 2 weeks, there was expected to be vehicles using the C1005 primarily delivering 'Type 1' material for these jobs and some machinery.

The intention, as with previous work, was to operate the Traffic Management Plan so that the C1005 was only closed on days when deliveries were scheduled.

GC noted that barriers used as part of the road closure had been removed from the site recently, so these were now being stored securely overnight when not in place.

KR asked if a sign could be put at the cemetery encouraging people to turn there, rather than continuing further. GC agreed that he would arrange for this to happen.



Action 2: ESD to arrange for sign to be displayed encouraging traffic to turn at the cemetery when the road is closed

GC noted there were 3 further areas of enabling works linked to power supply, BT services and water main diversion. The services currently follow the existing road into the site and need to be relocated to make way for new aeration lanes. ESD had been working with utilities to identify the fastest way to get this done.

Once all enabling works were complete, larger excavation work would begin for Final Settlement Tanks. An open / benched excavation was being used to avoid the need to import heavy piles via the C1005. Surplus material from excavation would be used for the additional bunding around the site perimeter.

TR asked what the expected completion date was for the work.

GS indicated that the target for final handover of the site was provisionally January 2020, but he hoped construction would be substantially complete by September 2019. There was then a commissioning process to work through. Heavy civil engineering work was expected to take around 40 weeks, with the excavation work mainly in the first 30 weeks.

KR asked if there would be any impact on the community linked to the diversion of the power supply. GC indicated that he understood there would be a brief interruption to the WWTW power supply while work took place, but did not believe other power supplies should be affected

KR noted that there had been concern in the village about a low humming noise which had been detected. There was uncertainty about what was causing this, with it being experienced in some parts of the village and not others. GC indicated that he would check there were no sources of vibration linked to SW work, but he thought this unlikely. CW noted that it could be linked to new streetlamps which had been installed.

(b) Scottish Water Horizons

GS noted that the outstanding reinstatement work close to the Pocket Garden had already been discussed.

Since the previous meeting, permanent power connections had been made and all work excepting final reinstatement near the Pocket Garden was complete. The new rising main had been operating for just under 3 months, taking flows which had previously been connected to the village network, as well as Tornagrain.

(c) Outfall



Work to prepare for the planned work at the outfall to take place in early 2019 was continuing, but there was no significant change to plans since the previous meeting.

4. Discussion

Leaving a legacy

GS noted that he understood the summer period was a very busy time for the Highlife Highland Rangers, but that he would resume contact with John Orr to see if further progress could be made with new interpretation boards for Ardersier Common.

CW would chase up the History Group about arrangements to get the local heritage walk leaflet reprinted.

Progress had been made with JAPES in relation to work that was needed at the Pocket Garden, but efforts to identify a suitable July date for this to take place had been unsuccessful. There was discussion about potential dates in August which could be suitable and Friday 31st August was identified. TR noted that she may have a commitment, but would explore what was possible for other JAPES organisers. GS confirmed that a quote had been received for joinery work within the garden and he was hopeful that SW would be able to support this.

GC asked if JAPES had use of any secure storage space which could be used to store surplus supplies that might be left over following the volunteering day. TR noted that JAPES had some equipment but that this was stored with volunteers. CW raised the possibility that there might be some space available in the Masons' shed and indicated that she would check.

GC noted that the timber treatment product being looked at required two coats and that only a single coat would be possible in one day to allow for drying time. He raised the possibility of a single coat treatment that could be used if this was preferable. TR thought that this would be the best option to go for.

Action 3: SW and ESD to proceed with volunteering day at the Pocket Garden on Friday 31st August

Action 4: SW to liaise with JAPES and agree basis for joinery work at Pocket Garden to be carried out

Newsletter

GS noted that the newsletter had not generated any significant feedback, but seemed generally to have been well received.



The timing of a further newsletter could be discussed at future meetings, but might be around the turn of the year to coincide with the outfall work.

5. Any other business

TR noted that there had recently been a burst water main in Fulmar Crescent, which had occurred 3 weeks after the council had renewed the road surface. She believes that SW was in the process of making final repairs.

GS indicated that he had not been aware of this, but apologised for the disruption caused.

6. Future meetings

The next meeting would therefore take place in the PACE café at 5:30pm on:
Wednesday 26 September 2018

Subject to final agreement at future meetings, the remaining 2018 date would be:

Wednesday 28 November 2018