

Minutes taken on Thursday 2nd May 2024

1	Present.	Actions
	Duncan MacDonald (RJM) John MacLeod (RJM)	Michelle Hinch (RJM) Michael Osborne (RJM) Emily Currie (RJM)
	Cllr Callum Munro (Cllr THC), Donald Beaton (Calmac)	Garry Smith (THC) Andrew MacIver (THC) Iain MacLennan (THC)
	Yvonne Gerrard (Local) Margret Freestone (Local)	Martin Madigan (Local) Angus Ross (Local) Sandy MacLean (Local) Vicki MacLean (Local)
2	Apologies.	
	Ian Stewart (Local) Stewart Macpherson (Local) Cllr Millar (THC) Cllr Finlayson (THC) Caroline Connelly (TS)	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes.	
	The minutes stand approved as corrected. *** MF - 3.13.2 Likely Significant Effects. <i>The works associated with the Proposed Development are not considered to result in significant effects on the landscape or seascape resource or the visual amenity of residents and visitors to the area. The works associated with the Proposed Development would be most apparent during the construction phase, however, this would be for a relatively short period of time and would be temporary. The permanent structures would be of a similar scale to the existing facilities and would be seen as an extension to the existing harbour infrastructure in Uig.</i> Proposed: MF Seconded: MM	
4	Matters Arising.	
	Cllr Munro – Queries the timeframe regarding the completion of the fisherman’s steps. DMD – Confirms the steps have been in operation since November 2023. <u>No Further Matters.</u>	

5	Presentation & Open Forum.	
	<p>JM – Presents the project slideshow on behalf of the Contractor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Question & Answer – Contractor.</u></p> <p><u>Walkway Shelter.</u> MM – Asks if the opacity of the outer windows in the walkway shelter is an intentional design feature. – Confirmed by JM to be correct.</p> <p><u>Scour Mats.</u> YG – Asks for clarification on the nature and programme of the planned scour protection works. – JM Anticipated to begin in July (Backshift), the mass of concrete prevents the erosion of seabed material at the base of the piled structure and should take approximately 1 week to install. YG – Asks whether there will be seating installed in the walkway shelter. JM – confirms that seating was not considered or instructed as part of the scope.</p> <p><u>Rock Armour.</u> AR – Asks if the rock armouring is intended to increase beyond what is currently installed. MF – adds that seaweed has built up in the area adjacent to the Pottery and Bakur bar and asks if armour could be installed there. JM – Confirms that the rock armour works are completed as far as specified. AM – Adds that armouring was not considered in that location and that it would not be part of the current project.</p> <p><u>Fendering.</u> AR – Asks if the upgraded fendering on the ferry berthing face increases the spectrum of vessels that can berth in Uig. AM – Confirms that the fendering was designed to suit the Calmac Primary and Secondary vessel hulls.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>No Further Questions – Contractor.</u></p>	

Cllr Munro – Wishes to raise the following in relation to the new streetlighting.

The timing/operation of the lights.

GS – Confirms that intelligent switching and a method of lighting control will be implemented in the permanent sense of the project. In the meantime, all lighting will remain off unless Calmac require the active sections of the marshalling area to be illuminated.

THC will be responsible for the operation of the lighting, most likely the appointed Harbour Master/Deputy.

Lorry Park/Northeast lights.

GS – THC are currently generating a model of this section which contains around 8 columns, the lighting engineers are assessing whether adjustments can be made on the existing arrangement whilst maintaining the minimum required illumination levels.

MF – Asks if the height of the columns will be adjusted.

GS – Confirms that the height is also part of the assessment.

MF – Asks if a timescale has been determined for this assessment – **GS** – Not at the moment.

MF – Asks if the assessment can be shared with the forum and if the community can be consulted with a view to having an input to the solution.

CLLR Munro – Suggests a separate meeting is held to discuss the outcome of the assessment/remodelling.

GS – Agrees and confirms that a date and venue will be advised once the assessment is complete.

Open Forum continues.

Marshalling area Access Gate.

MM – Asks if the vehicle barrier will remain at the marshalling area entrance.

DMD – Confirms that the barrier forms part of the temporary traffic management but perhaps **GS** can confirm if a barrier will be installed in the permanent sense.

GS – States that there is no plan to install one.

Build-up of Seaweed.

MF – Provides photos of the accumulation of seaweed in the tidal zone adjacent to the pottery and Bakur bar and notes that the presence of rotting seaweed encourages flies and unpleasant odours, **MF** believes the accumulation is result of the development of the pier.

GS – confirms that he has spoken with the environmental health department about this issue, and they have said that accumulation of seaweed is common in coastal communities following spells of bad weather.

The deposition of seaweed will be monitored – this will allow a pattern to be determined which may be a result of meteorological/seasonal changes.

Soakaway – Mrs Freestone’s house.

MF – States that the run-off from the soakaway has built up again – Displays Photo.

IML – Confirms that an instruction will be issued to the contractor to carry out the agreed work.

Community Benefits.

MM – Asks if the Contractor can donate a small sum towards the replacement of defibrillator pads for the community defib.

DMD – Confirms that the Contractor can indeed help.

MM to share contact details with the parties involved.

	<p><u>Potholes – A87</u> MM – Asks if the potholes along the A87 at the Bakur bar will be repaired. JM – Confirms that there is a resurfacing plan for the A87 which will account for this area – Managed by BEAR Scotland – due to start in September. AM – Will also inform the roads department that there are a number of holes that might need temporary repair.</p> <p><u>Bottle Banks.</u> YE – Notes that the bottle banks in their current position are causing an issue with the public bus and foot traffic for CALMAC/visitors and asks if this issue can be resolved. Cllr Munro – This can be reviewed by THC.</p> <p><u>Programme.</u> SMCL – Asks how progress is relative to the programme. JM – Confirms that the Heavy construction work is expected to finish by September. SCML – Asks what the anticipated start date is for Robertsons Construction is. GM – Confirms that they hope to start in June.</p>	
6.	AOCB.	
7.	Date of Next Meeting.	
	<p>20th June 2024 22nd July 2024</p>	