

Minutes taken on [Thursday 20th June 2024](#)

1	Present.	Actions
	<p>John MacLeod (RJM) Duncan MacDonald (RJM) Michael Osborne (RJM) Emily Currie (RJM)</p>	
	<p>Cllr Callum Munro (Cllr THC) Garry Smith (THC) Iain MacLennan (THC) Andrew MacIver (THC)</p>	
	<p>Donald Beaton (Calmac)</p>	
	<p>Margret Freestone (Local) Martin Madigan (Local) Claudia Marshall (Local) Sandy MacLean (Local) Sue Weeks (CC)</p>	
2	Apologies.	
	<p>Ian Stewart (Local)</p> <p>Cllr Millar (THC) Cllr Finlayson (THC) Caroline Connelly (TS)</p>	
3	Approval of Previous Minutes.	
	<p>The minutes stand approved as corrected. ***</p> <p>CM – 7.1 Date of Next Meeting</p> <p><i>The date to be changed to August 22nd rather than July 22nd.</i></p> <p>SM – 5.13.2</p> <p><i>SM queried whether the programme had been extended based on the previous minutes stating “Heavy construction is expected to be complete by September.”. JM confirmed that the works programme remains as previously discussed with heavy works expected to be complete August.</i></p> <p>Proposed: MM Seconded: SM</p>	
4	Matters Arising.	
	<p>Cllr Munro – Advised that the lighting discussions will be carried out during a separate Uig Community Council meeting after the CLG.</p> <p>MF – The seaweed at the Pottery doesn’t clear although there is a lower quantity than before. MF highlighted that there is now rubbish accumulating and the debris is going green at one end of the building. MF has found old photos taken a number of years ago after a storm where there is no seaweed as previously the debris would clear. The debris is causing restricted access to the Potteries seaward wall for maintenance. A local trades man who was in to carry out works on the building commented on the effect the seaweed is having with no prompts from MF. CM suggested this is discussed at the later Community Council meeting and this should continue to be monitored by THC. GS, IM, and AM looked at this today and expressed they though there was less debris than before, but they will continue review this.</p>	<p>GS, AM, IM</p>

	<p>CM – Soakaway for MF to be actioned. JM advised that these works have been instructed by THC and RJM have been progressing with the works this week although this is a time in the programme that is resource heavy due to the Marshalling Area surfacing. IM added that there is to be an extra gully added to avoid ponding on the driveway once surfacing is complete. MF added that the septic was emptied at the beginning of June 2024.</p> <p>MM - Thanked RJ McLeod for the donation new defibrillator equipment to the local community group, it is greatly appreciated. DMD accepted the gratitude and advised we are happy to help.</p> <p>CM – Revisited the discussion about the bottles banks currently located at the bus stop in Uig. AM added that THC are currently reviewing where the bins could be located post completion of the works and suggest they may remain where they are currently as the bus will be rerouted through the new parking area. MM queried what will happen if the CMAC building is demolished? AM stated that THC doesn't own this building and any decisions regarding this would be made by the stakeholders involved. CM added she had spoken to THC about the bins not being emptied regularly resulting in the build-up of glass waste, THC advised the fleet used is experiencing mechanical issues resulting in fewer collections.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>No Further Matters.</u></p>	<p>RJM (JM, DMD, MO, EC)</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Presentation & Open Forum.</p>	
	<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 windows still to be installed could be clear glass? JM advised the materials are on site so this would not be possible.</p> <p><u>Site Demobilisation</u> MF – Queried when the site cabins are offsite whether the area of hardstanding could remain and be utilised as an overspill carpark. AM advised the group that the land is not owned by THC. MF added that the area has been used in the past. JM highlighted the extra parking that will be available post completion.</p> <p><u>Marshalling Area Surfacing</u> JM – Brought to the attention of the group that the surfacing of the new marshalling area will commence next week (24th June 2024) over night to avoid disruptions to the ferry services. The contractor is expecting to work 18:00 – 06:00 dependent on supply and plant reliability. SM added that surfacing works are fairly quiet anyway. JM did inform the community that the plant will have safety features such are warning alarms when reversing that may be heard but we do what we can to keep noise levels down.</p>	

<p><u>Community Benefits</u> MF – Noticed in the Community Benefit breakdown that a pontoon had been donated to Staffin Harbour Trust and asked whether Uig can have one too. DMD said Uig had been asked and he will review this. There is likely to be a resource for this.</p> <p><u>Fenders</u> SM- Asked why there is no fenders on the north side of the pierhead. GS detailed that this area was not historically used for mooring and therefore was not added to the works. JM added that this area is often used to for lorries to access to ferry and this is seen on the vehicle tracking therefore it could be why this area is kept clear.</p> <p><u>Terminal Building</u> SM- Asked for an update on the works progressing at the terminal building. JM advised that RJM have been liaising with Roberson’s for a number of weeks and they are due to start the site mobilisation next week, week commencing 24th June 2024. MM- Asked where the offices are going? JM explain the offices are going in future CALMAC staff carpark and the area will be securely fenced. MF- Queried where the building will be located? JM showed the group on the aerial photograph where the terminal building and storage building is to be located and explained that materials will be stored behind the CALMAC building. MF asked THC if they were using the croft land located of the A87. AM said this is not being used as it would be a lot of work involved to fully utilise the area. MF asked whether THC would be open to selling the land. THC to liaise with MF on this.</p> <p><u>Parking in Uig</u> MF- Informed the group that she has noticed an increase in campervan traffic in the village and queried whether the project could accommodate extra parking for large vehicles. MM advised he would strongly object this idea as they should be using his campsite. CM added this as a discussion point at the later community council meeting. MM suggested parking in Uig should have a charge like the Storr and Quiraing.</p> <p><u>Access to the Pier from A87</u> MM – Question why the A87 at the corner accessing the pier was not widened as had been done on the A87 adjacent to the Raasay Ferry Terminal? AM advised that the road conforms to relevant design standards for its location and specification. Adding the widening roads has been known to increase driver speeds which they are trying to reduce.</p> <p><u>Ongoing Community Meetings</u> CM – Asked whether the community meeting will continue with Roberston’s once RJM are offsite. AM suggested Robertsons are invited to the next CLG meeting, and they will evaluate whether continuing the meetings will be worthwhile. JM did add the terminal building works are likely to be less disruptive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>No Further Questions – Contractor.</u></p>	<p>DMD</p> <p>THC, MF</p> <p>CM</p>
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<p>6. AOCB.</p> <p><u>Comments from Ian Stewart</u> CM - Read out message from Ian Stewart (see below):</p> <p>As you know the “Uig Bay Football Stadium” lighting is the major issue for residents. I support the position that the heights of these “industrial site” units should be reduced to that of those they replaced and, secondly the number of units should be reviewed. I believe, as deployed currently, they are more suitable for an “Industrial” site and quite unsuitable for a mixed residential location like Uig.</p> <p>On my role as a representative of Uig Commercial Fishermen I would ask that it is put on record that: -</p> <p>“I thank RJM in particular for the professionalism they have displayed throughout the project- In particular, working with RJM and Highland Council Technical staff, CalMac and Harbours, we have successfully managed and resolved a number of critical issues, the partnership has worked very well and to the advantage of all concerned, not least Uig Bay fishermen. We are now nearing the end of the managed disruption period for the fisher community and operational issues are being progressively transferred to Harbours”.</p> <p>The above in my capacity as Fishermen’s Representative.</p> <p>MM – Advised that the speed signs in Uig and the information displayed on digital devices such as in car navigational systems are not consistent. GS suggested that as it is a temporary traffic order this may be why the system hasn’t been changed and reassured the community that a temporary traffic order is still enforceable.</p> <p>GS to follow up the permanent speed limit with Bear/TS. I will try to get an update.</p> <p>CM – Thanks RJM</p> <p>MM – Queries who is running the terminal building project. AM explained as with the Harbour Redevelopment Works the project will be run by The Highland Council.</p>		
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting.</p>		
	<p>22nd August 2024</p>	