



CHORD Campbeltown Project Board

MINUTES of MEETING

held in

The Burnet Building, Campbeltown

On 30 April 2010 at 10.30am.

Present: Councillor John Semple(Chair)

Councillor Donald Kelly
Councillor Rory Colville

Attending: Iain Jackson, Area Corporate Services Manager
Nicola Debnam, CHORD Programme Manager, Economic Development
and Strategic Transportation
Aileen MacLennan, Town Centre Manager
Audrey Martin, Senior Planning/Development Officer
Arthur McCulloch, Principal Engineer
Joanne Casey, Project Manager, Kinloch Road Regeneration Project
Ishbel McDonald, Accountant
Sandy Mactaggart, Executive Director Development and Infrastructure
Services
Neil Brown, Roads and Amenity Services Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anne Horn, Robert Pollock and Stewart Green.

Councillor Donald Kelly stated that he was unhappy with the late distribution of the papers and the amount that they have to print off. After discussion it was agreed that Iain Jackson will send out a printed copy of all future meetings.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. CAMPBELTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – VERBAL UPDATE ON PROGRESS

Arthur McCulloch advised the Board that the project was ongoing but the bore holing was giving the company problems which could cause a delay in the tender process. The problem is that the rig is unable to bore through the gravel and boulders found. The delay could have implications if the Tall Ships decide to visit Campbeltown next year. Councillor Donald Kelly enquired if another rig was required and Arthur confirmed that this was being looked at and a decision would be taken in conjunction with Scott Wilson Ltd. on whether this was necessary based on the level of information obtained from the work so far. Councillor Kelly also queried if interested parties such as Skykon and the timber lorries had been notified. Arthur intimated that the Harbour Master was heavily involved and acting as a central point of contact for these parties.

Councillor Rory Colville stated that the area we are using as a lay-by is part of the rural opportunities area. Councillor Colville also requested that the option of providing the layby on infill material from the depot site clearance be considered.

The dangers at Kilmichael corner were discussed and it was agreed that this should be considered. Audrey Martin stated that this should not be a problem and that she would raise issues on any changes happening to that area.

Park Square – Scottish Water are undertaking work in the area and there is merit in permitting them to provide sewer upgrades through Park Square to co-ordinate works and minimise disruption. This was agreed in principle. This is dependent on the legal agreement between Argyll and Bute Council and ACHA with regards to the land excambion. Rory Colville agreed to pursue ACHA for a decision by the 14 May.

Discussions took place around the blocking off of Lochend Street. It was suggested that it could only be used by delivery lorries, emergency services and refuse vehicles. Councillor Rory Colville stated that decisions cannot be made just for delivery vehicles. Sandy Mactaggart suggested that Arthur McCulloch and Neil Brown together are best placed to make a decision. This was agreed.

4. CAMPBELTOWN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – COSTS

The paper on costs was previously circulated with Arthur McCulloch clarifying these. He stated that he wanted to make everyone aware of the costs.

Sandy Mactaggart stated that Item 3.4 showed that the estimated costs are over budget. He intimated that it was important at this stage to try and reduce costs and a 'value engineering' exercise should be undertaken to assess the actual level of costs and to identify areas where costs might be reduced. It was agreed that Scott Wilson would undertake this report in discussion with the wider design team and it was hoped that this could be completed within 4 weeks.

Councillor Donald Kelly raised the Item 3.2 on car parking issues. Arthur McCulloch explained the number of spaces which can be provided. Councillor Rory Colville emphasised the need for a 20mph speed limit between Hall Street and the Esplanade and the difficulty in obtaining parking spaces in Hall Street. He stated that a car park is required due to the increase in traffic in the centre of the town and especially if the new Tesco's goes ahead. He intimated that Hall Street shouldn't be narrowed as this is a key feature of the Town and that we should enhance this area.

Councillor Donald Kelly agreed with Councillor Colville that there was a need for a metered car park. He suggested that the land across from Aqualibrium was currently on the market for £90,000 and the possibility of purchasing that ground should be explored. Nicola Debnam stated that attempts have been made to identify areas of ground for car parking including near to Aqualibrium and that the issues regarding parking could be revised when the Full Business Case is being prepared.

It was agreed after discussions that the Board would await the outcome of the 'value engineering' exercise before considering recommendations (a) – laybys and (b) – additional parking. The Board agreed on recommendation (c) – to proceed with fix message information boards.

5. CAMPBELTOWN ALL WEATHER PITCH FACILITY – OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

Sandy Mactaggart circulated the Outline Business Case for Campbeltown's All Weather Pitch.

He reported that the Stage 1 application to SportsScotland was submitted in April and positive feedback has been received. It was noted that A1 is the preferred option with the overall construction cost being £830,000 and that the Aqualibrium staff would manage the facility.

The group were advised that if SportsScotland approve the grant then the next stage would be that the project would become a stage 2 application. A business case would be submitted to the Capital Management Programme and Sandy Mactaggart and Donald MacVicar would look at how the project might be financed through their budgets.

Councillor Donald Kelly stated that the public are under the impression that this facility is part of the CHORD project and intimated that he was pleased to see this moving forward and was pleased to support it.

Councillor Rory Colville advised that as far as the South Kintyre Sports Council were concerned the All Weather Pitch Facility was more important than car parking.

6. CAMPBELTOWN MARINA – HIGHLIGHT/PROGRESS REPORT

Nicola Debnam explained the Highlight/Progress Report on Campbeltown Marina. She stated that the tender was issued on the 26 April 2010 and the consultant appointed by the end of June 2010. The Board noted the terms of the report.

7. CAMPBELTOWN TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Audrey Martin talked through the amalgamation of the THI and CARS projects. After discussion the Board agreed the recommendations

- a) that the CTCR Project is governed as detailed in paragraph 3.5 of this report;
- b) that Councillor Semple be nominated as the Chair of the CTCR Steering Group.

8. CAMPBELTOWN TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT – VERBAL UPDATE

Audrey Martin gave a verbal update and the Board were advised that the HLF needs to reprofile costs as £280,000 has been removed which means that there will be smaller amounts for the small grants schemes. Audrey intimated that the Steering Group would be meeting that afternoon. The Board noted the terms of the report.

9. CAMPBELTOWN KINLOCH ROAD REGENERATION – HIGHLIGHT/PROGRESS REPORT

Joanne Casey talked the Board through the Kinloch Road Regeneration report. She highlighted the key products for the next reporting period.

Joanne stated that they are on budget at present.

10. CAMPBELTOWN KINLOCH ROAD REGENERATION

Joanne Casey talked through the Draft Full Business Case. Key point and decisions that were required from the Board were highlighted:

1. The Council Depot relocation – the release of capital funds is to be requested from the Project Management Board and then authorised by the Executive;
The Project Board agreed this;
2. The public realm work has been considered against 3 options which vary according to costs and geographic coverage; the Board agreed that the Public Realm designs should work within the budget range of option 2, covering the new road, Kinloch Road (as far south and the Royal Hotel where the THI takes over) and Lochend Street but noted that Lochend Street is a lower priority for the provision of measures.
3. Funding arrangements with ACHA were noted as being unresolved at present but subject to a number of meetings that will explore funding from the Strategic Housing Fund;
4. Land adjacent to the Council Depot was noted in the report as being a lower priority than other aspects of the KRR project but in light of discussions above regarding parking; options for its redevelopment will be explored. Nicola Debnam will undertake to secure resources for this.

11. A.O.C.B.

Councillor Semple noted that there may be merit in further consultation with the local community. This was agreed by Nicola Debnam and Joanne Casey who would wish to see a second drop in event arranged. Nicola Debnam to arrange.