

HMNB Clyde Strategic Delivery and Development Framework Board (SDDF)

12 June 2019 10.00am – 12.00pm

Newark and Seabank Meeting Rooms, Civic Centre, Helensburgh

NOTE OF MEETING

In attendance;

1. Cleland Sneddon, CEO, Argyll and Bute Council, Chair of SDDF Board (CS)
2. Cllr Aileen Morton, Leader, Argyll and Bute Council (AM)
3. Commodore [REDACTED], HMNB Clyde, Royal Navy
4. Inspector Roddy MacNeil, Police Scotland. (RM)
5. Gregg McKearney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (GM)
6. Pippa Milne, Executive Director Development and Infra', Argyll and Bute (PM)
7. Captain [REDACTED], Captain of the Base HMNB Clyde, Royal Navy
8. Commander [REDACTED], Base Executive Officer, Royal Navy
9. Mark Newlands, Director, Scottish Enterprise/ SDI (MN)
10. Stef Lach, Communications, Council (SL)
11. Stuart Green, Corporate Support Manager, Argyll and Bute Council (SG)

Apologies

1. Andrew Wells, Head of Property, Crown Estate Scotland – agreed to depart board
2. Paul Devlin, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (JS)
3. Chief Superintendent Brian Gibson, Police Scotland
4. [REDACTED], Strategic Communications, HMNB Clyde
5. [REDACTED], Innovation Projects, HMNB Clyde

1. Note of SDDF Board Meeting 07 December 2018 agreed. Matters arising;
 - a. Andrew Wells, Crown Estate advised he will step down from the Board although he is happy to be contacted if there are matters related to Crown Estate that require his input.

- b. Community Sports Hub – positive developments in light of recent setbacks. (*Post Meeting Note: CS contacted Nicola Hackett at Live Argyll to seek support for further discussions with the Rugby Club*)
- c. Joint promotional visit to Devonport; benefits being felt as it is considered that the message is understood and personnel and families are considering residing in the area around HMNB Clyde; now business as usual.
- d. Rural Growth Deal Update; visit by civil servants from both UK and Scottish Government to Argyll and Bute to explore the development opportunity. Feedback was positive and viewed the proposals as generally acceptable. Our proposal around road infrastructure suggested by civil servants as being better pursued through the Strategic Transport Projects Review rather than the RGD. HMNB Clyde was promoted as a key feature of the deal. We remain confident of securing agreed heads of terms with government by the end of 2019. Mark Newlands advised of the ‘inclusive growth’ agreement drafted by Glasgow University for the Ayrshire growth deal and could be considered as good practice for the Rural Growth Deal with regards demonstrating potential to socio-economic benefits.
- e. ██████ advises of their increasing engagement and generally positive activity with community councils. Dealing with some negative feedback from individuals who are opposed in principle to this initiative Action 1; consider development and promotion of a case study on their engagement with communities with regards to the Faslane Maritime Change Programme MF. Action 2 Commodore considering inviting media into base for visit and make a joint effort with CPP. ██████
- f. CASD 50 Years; event in the base 05 July and another event planned for November at Edinburgh Castle. Family event planned at rugby club 06 July which council representatives are welcome to attend/ add a promotional stall on the RGD. Action 3; PM will pick up with her team.

2. High level update on Faslane Maritime Change Programme – Commodore ██████

- a. Taken delivery of last 2 accommodation blocks providing several hundreds of beds and is now full. Regular arrivals of new personnel in groups of 200 and total around 1,600 over the longer period (see previous detailed information).

- b. Future Accommodation Model (FAM); decision to progress this and remains the primary tool to accommodate personnel and families.
- c. 114 personnel being accommodated in 57 units in Churchill estate and will be completed in 2 months and provides primary solution for 2019.
- d. Offsite single living accommodation project – new approach and in process of recruiting a project manager next week to take forward options and proposals to deliver target for next year and beyond. The Council will connect to relevant services with the Project Manager to ensure deliverability of target within Argyll and Bute. Detail considered around the JLL report and options, alternative models for delivery of offsite accommodation and noted the intended survey of service personnel to consider demand for housing other related public services. Action 4; agreed for the RN to share the draft survey with partners before issue and share results. MF
- e. Also considering developing offsite office accommodation to release capacity within the HMNB Clyde base. Potential of up to 200 persons but proof of concept pilot to be taken forward for an initial 50 persons. Again, the Council will connect relevant services with the project manager to ensure deliverability on timescale within Argyll and Bute.
- f. HMNB Clyde now receiving additional submarines and additional visitors to base which should have a positive impact on the economy. Personnel enjoying bus tours around Argyll and Bute on days off. Action 5; link Royal Navy in with Argyll and Isles Tourism Cooperative (AITC) to provide promotional information regarding places to visit and things to do and experience in the area. PM
- g. ██████ advises of traffic management controls and opening of different gates to reduce pressure on North Gate and feedback from Police and community councils has been positive.

3. Clyde Future Accommodation Project - Royal Navy

- a. CM advises of efforts to modernise the way accommodation is provided and shared presentation. Dedicated support to deliver FAM and pilot goes live 30 September 2019. Action 6; ██████ links FAM support ██████ with key council personnel and will direct initially via PM. Action 7; explore resources to increase capacity to progress the projects PM/██████

4. Business Accommodation/ Supply Chain Requirements; update on Supply Chain/ Estate Development Plan Update - Mark Newlands/ Cpt [REDACTED]

- a. Challenge in securing information deemed as commercially sensitive due to ongoing competitive tendering for defence contracts.
- b. Commodore set up session between SE and defence contractors that was very constructive. Consultants have produced a draft report that is being reviewed and that and contains many caveats. Ultimately will go to MOD departments for review prior to sharing. Commodore seeking to facilitate an improved outcome.
- c. MN considers there is scope to commence development of a business case for offsite office accommodation in the area. Securing an anchor tenant would increase demand for such a facility (potential synergy with need for office accommodation). Potential sites at Craigendoran and Helensburgh pier discussed.
- d. **Action 8**; establish a workshop session linked to Rural Growth Deal to explore propositions to encourage supply chain organisations to set up off site and preferably in the form of a cluster. PM will coordinate with support from MN and [REDACTED].

5. Private sector housing update and spatial map.

- a. PM provided and talked through the brief and spatial plan issued as part of the pack.
- b. Private developer looking at potential sites in Portincaple and is presenting to next meeting of Garelochhead community council.
- c. Add into brief other potential sites including affordable housing around the peninsula, towards Arrochar and at Cardross.

6. Cross Sectoral Working

- a. Board notes brief from Skills Development Scotland who are keen to participate and are looking at office accommodation at the Drumfork Centre with its refurbishment due to be complete January 2020. **Action 9**; agreed for next meeting to be held in Drumfork Club and tie in with soft launch.

7. Communications Update; [REDACTED] provide an update on developments provided by [REDACTED] with communications to be developed/published over the following.
 - a. CASD 50 Year Commemorations
 - b. Drumfork Club relaunch
 - c. McKenzie Estate – strong positive narrative to emerge
 - d. Churchill Single Living Accommodation
 - e. Future Accommodation Model
8. For information
 - a. Note of SDDF Senior Management Team Meeting 09.05.19
9. AOB
 - a. [REDACTED] is retiring from Royal Navy 16th July and the Board thank him for all his efforts and wish him all the best for the future.