

MINUTE

Joint Meeting Royal Navy & Argyll and Bute

Thursday 29 May 2025, 1000

Newark/Seabank Room

<p><u>Present:</u></p> <p>Jim Lynch, Council Leader, Argyll &amp; Bute Council Pippa Milne, Chief Executive, Argyll &amp; Bute Council Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director, Argyll &amp; Bute Council Commodore xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ADC Royal Navy, Naval Base Commander Captain xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Royal Navy xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Deputy Head Capability Integration ADTDC, HMND Clyde xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Programme Director, Clyde 2070 Future Programme xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, NBCC Chief of Staff Trevor Roach, Partnership Manager, Hi Trans Colin Young, Transport Planner, Argyll &amp; Bute Council</p>	<p><u>Apologies:</u></p>
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1. Aligning Strategic Plans

a. HMNB Clyde 2070

The Commodore provided an overview of the programme, size and scale, multi billions over multi years. It was explained that HMNB Clyde is now part of a much wider enterprise, than it has been in the past and that there is significant support to ensure that the right conditions are set to ensure that the investment in the base is successful.

xxxxxx provided further detail on the future transformation, including digitalisation, protecting people and assets. The focus is on getting phase one delivered and focusing on the getting the underlying requirement right - with short term focus on roads, access, transport, car parking, lay down for construction, utilities, power, electrical modernisation.

**Project Euston Action 1** - Meeting to be arranged between the A&BC Head of Planning and xxxxxx relating to Programme EUSTON development to be arranged prior to 27 June

b. Rural Growth Deal

Kirsty Flanagan provided an overview of the RGD, and the plans for an Engineering and Innovation hub at Colegrain, it was noted that there are elements of the site that could come forward quicker than 2031 if the commercial demand is demonstrated the council can support interest from the private sector i.e. hotel. **Action 2** - MOD to provide projections on future demand to support conversation that drive private sector interest.

c. Helensburgh and Cardross Strategic Development Framework – A 40 Year Masterplan

Pippa shared the potential options to grow housing by 2-3k over the new 20-40yrs, it was noted that all options come with dependencies i.e. new roads,

schools, and are likely to result in a mix of strong views. The council would welcome any response from the Royal Navy that reinforces the need due to the planned expansion of the base. **Action 3** A&B Council team to present to appropriate team the future expansion plans in more detail, The Commodore sought to understand how best to support The Council and explained that One Clyde Mission Delivery Group is the area group best place to provide statements that support the expansion plans **Action 4** - [REDACTED] and Stuart to discuss what information/questions could be provide for discussion by the OCMDG to the benefit of all'.

## 2. Transport

### a. Rail Station Investigation for HMNB Clyde

Frank Roach gave an overview of proposed rails stations "Faslane Halt".

### b. Active Travel Route – Helensburgh to Faslane

Due to time constraints a brief overview and handout was provided on the active travel route.

**Action 5** – [REDACTED] to introduce Colin to Captain [REDACTED] before the end of June ask him to refresh the work with the personas given the information provided on the rail station option and have assessment to review within 3 months.

## 3. Governance Arrangements

**Action 6** - It was agreed that a future session should be held in 6 weeks to discuss the existing MoU. The Commodore expressed an appetite to discuss future arrangement. There was an agreement that the objective of the relationship was good partnership working and it was agreed that the intention of a collaborative working relationship remains important.

## 4. AOB

**Action 7** – [REDACTED] to share internal videos that articulate the 2070 Clyde plans.