

**Isles of Scilly Link Project
Minutes of the Route Partnership -Political Sub Group
Tuesday 26th January 2010: 12.30-14.00 hours
Lander Meeting Room 2, Truro Business Park, Truro**

Attending

Cornwall Councillors:

Graham Hicks – (Chairman) Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Planning,
Tamsin Williams – Penzance Central (including harbour)
Sue Pass – Penzance Promenade
Steve Eva – Falmouth Arwennack
Geoff Evans – Gillynvase (Mayor of Falmouth)

Isles of Scilly Councillors

Dudley Mumford – Transport Committee Chairman & St Mary's
Marion Bennett – Vice Chairman and Bryer
Chris Thomas – St Mary's
Christine Saville – St Martins

Officers:

Philip Hygate – RP Chairman, Chief Executive CIOs
Tim Wood – Project Director CC
Nicola Yeates – Project Manager CC (Minutes)
Diana Mompoloki – SIF Manager, CIOs
Craig Dryden – Planning and Development Manager, CIOs

- 1. Apologies received from Julia Day**
- 2. Minutes to meeting of the 13th November 2009** were accepted as a true record
- 3. Cornwall Council Update:**
 - a. Councillor Graham Hicks reported that Cornwall Council Cabinet had resolved:
 - i. Not to progress Penzance option C,
 - ii. to resubmit Penzance option A for listed building consent,
 - iii. to undertake, in parallel a study into the viability of Falmouth as a fall-back mainland port option,
 - iv. that the Penzance Town Council should be regularly updated.Additional funding has been provided by Cornwall Council to cover the cost of the further project development estimated at £550K (£300K to consider Falmouth).
 - b. Councillor Geoff Evans asked if the inclusion of Falmouth members on the sub-group will be announced. It was agreed

- by all that the minutes should be uploaded to the project website and therefore the attendance will be public. **Action NY**
- c. Councillor Graham Hicks reported that he had requested a meeting with the Penzance Town Council to present the Penzance option C study. Councillor Tamsin Williams requested that CIOS members attend also. [PMN: attended 8 February 2010].
 - d. Councillor Graham Hicks proposed that the CC sub-group members visit Penzance, Falmouth and St Mary's for a better understanding of current operations and facilities available [PMN: Penzance and Falmouth visited on 1 February 2010. St Mary's arranged for 23 February 2010].
 - e. A number of press articles have appeared in the local newspapers containing inaccuracies. Meeting to be arranged between Councillor Tamsin Williams, Councillor Sue Pass, Councillor Graham Hicks and Miles Davies (Press Office)

Action NY

4. Route Partnership update:

The origin of the Route Partnership was to address transport issues related to both the ships and the quays. The grant funding will be an economic investment for both West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

5. Project update by Tim Wood:

- a. Penzance option A and Falmouth will be progressed in parallel. Programmes to be developed. It is critical to maintain priority for funding with the South West Region. **Action TW/NB**
- b. Penzance option A application to be prepared and submitted as soon as possible [PMN: Submitted on 1 February 2010].
- c. A Stakeholder meeting will be arranged (to follow the Town Council meeting) with invitees from Penzance groups to discuss and develop the public realm aspects of Option A. [PMN: Workshop held on 11 February 2010].
- d. It was suggested that a positive press release be issued. Press performance was discussed. **Action TW**
- e. Diana Mompoloki reminded all that 50% of the harbour dues at both ends of the route could be attributed to the Isles of Scilly route operations.
- f. The public need to be aware of the benefits that will arise from Option A and the additional benefits which will arise from match funding the DfT £36m in the Convergence programme, e.g. Penzance Promenade project. **Action TW**
- g. Councillor Steve Eva asked for the opinion of CIOs towards Falmouth. The response from all CIOs councillors in attendance was that a link is vital to the sustainability of the Islands and

whilst Penzance option A was preferred, a change to Falmouth would be welcomed rather than no sea service

6. **AOB:**
Councillor Tamsin Williams reported that she and Councillor Sue Pass had visited Penzance Harbour with the Harbour Master, Neil Clark and had been surprised at the state of South Pier. Neil Clark had also discussed his ideas for future development plans. All local members had been invited.
7. **Date of next meeting:** 23rd February 2010, St Mary's