

MINUTES TO THE ROUTE PARTNERSHIP MEETING 1ST OCTOBER 2008
Chief Executive's Office, Town Hall, St Mary's

Attended by :

Philip Hygate	Chief Executive	Council of the Isles of Scilly
Craig Dryden	Chief Planning Officer	
Aisling Hick		
Tim Wood	Project Director	Cornwall County Council
Nicola Yeates	Project Manager	
Colin Sturmer	Chief Land Steward	Duchy of Cornwall
Adrian Smith	Assistant Land Steward	
Andrew Davies	Regeneration Manager	Penwith District Council

Apologies: Richard Fish (Cornwall County Council) Jim McKenna (Penwith District Council)

1. Minutes to last meeting accepted as a true record
2. Pre-Planning public exhibitions
 - a. Brief report on pre-planning public exhibition held on previous day (30 September) in Penzance. Suggestion of public meeting from Andrew George MP debated. PH had recently updated Andrew George on project and he was fully supportive and aware of critical timescales. A campaign against our project had been organised with calls for people to attend the exhibition and voice their objections. Feedback forms to be read and considered. Any matters that relate to HRO are considered to be 'outside' of current consultations for planning consent. **ACTION:** PH and Matt McTaggart CC to meet Andrew George MP, date to be arranged.
 - b. CS expressed concern with some of the details of the freight building included in the exhibition. The building will require further HRH consideration despite it being smaller than the freight building proposed by Duchy. Project team had changed last design in accordance with comments received from Duchy (as far as possible) and have rechecked operational logistics eg forklift access and turning. AS still has concern that 'current' forklifts will be too large to work within building. Forklift dimensions have been provided for checking. Proposals will be explained to those visiting St.Mary's exhibition tomorrow (2 October) as 'design in progress'. **ACTION:** NSY to brief team and provide outstanding operational proposals to Duchy.
 - c. CD reminded partnership of reasons for previous planning refusal – size of building and justification for the need. Current design is smaller than previous and will be clarified in terms of how it is designed to operate however the building must be flexible in terms of mix of containers and pallets to suit changing mix of freight conveyed (summer more chilled food, winter more building materials etc). **ACTION:** NSY to relay to team
3. Harbours update - Penzance HRO application 2008
 DfT are now considering order and have requested electronic versions from Parliamentary Agent. Decision anticipated soon pending consideration by Parliament.

4. Vessel procurement update – PH reported that due to poor returns from the European shipyards the vessel build tender process will be repeated. The single tender received was higher than budgeted and the marine consultants advise it is also higher than equivalent recent contract awards in Europe. RJF has been in discussion with DfT and they are in support of the re-tender. TW could not advise the meeting of the tendered sum as the tender process is considered to be live until the re-tender has been completed. **ACTION:** Prepared press release will be issued from CCC press office on 3 October on behalf of Route Partnership. PH will be named for further comment.
5. Operator procurement update – response received from Counsel and EU supporting 12 year operating term. Final wording of notice to be developed then notice issued. **ACTION:** NSY
6. Funding update – discussions between RDA and DCLG have led to an ‘understanding’ on both sides to swap support for boat from Convergence to DfT and then divert the Convergence funding to the harbours. Final DfT agreement subject to further meeting with RDA/ DCLG. CCC have meeting with DfT on 15 October to discuss this funding change in more detail.
7. Financial update – Expenditure to date £519K on harbours project and forecast for completion within the current £1.5M budget.
8. Programme key dates
Planning submissions. It was agreed that these had to be robust and in any event had to await HRH response for St.Mary’s proposals before Duchy would consider approving the submission. There will not be a rushed submission but it was agreed to target November 2008 submission.
ACTION: NSY to relay to team.

The April 2008 key date for commencement of harbour build and award of vessel build and vessel operator contracts is likely to be delayed as the EU tender process will take 6 months. Sufficient time has to be allowed for consideration of the Convergence bid and to obtain DfT Full Approval. There is not be a direct logic link to mean there is a 6 month programme delay but this will now be determined. **ACTION:** NSY to update programme in light of the vessel re-tender.

9. AOB – CCC/DoC had recent meeting with HSE about St.Mary’s quay proposals. They have concerns with some current operating practices and will be revisiting Scilly to discuss with Sibleys and Western Power. Fuel tanks, LPG canisters and storage of hazardous materials are of concern. HSE willing to consider our proposals in more detail and advise.
10. Date of next meeting **to be advised.**

N.Yeates 6/10/08. Checked T.Wood 17/10/08