

**Isles of Scilly Link Project**  
**Minutes of the Route Partnership Meeting**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 : 10.30-12.30 hours**  
**Lander Meeting Room 2 , Truro Business Park, Truro**

**Attending:**

Philip Hygate – RP Chairman, Council of the Isles of Scilly  
Cllr Dudley Mumford – Council of the Isles of Scilly  
Cllr Graeme Hicks – Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Planning, Cornwall Council (CC)  
Tim Wood – Project Director CC  
Nicola Yeates – Project Manager CC  
Dave Simpson – Contracts Manager CC  
Stephen Lynes – Senior Solicitor, Legal Services CC  
Diana Mompoloki – Strategic Investment Manager, CIOs  
Craig Dryden – Planning and Development Manager, CIOs  
Chris Gregory – Land Steward, Duchy of Cornwall  
Adrian Smith – Assistant Land Steward, Duchy of Cornwall

1. **Apologies:** Nigel Blackler
2. **Minutes to meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009** were accepted as a true record
3. **Meetings update:**
  - a. **25<sup>th</sup> January CC Special Cabinet:** The recommendations of the Cabinet report were unanimously approved. Additional action to meet regularly with Penzance Town Council to update them on the project. The latest letter from English Heritage was issued to all attendees at the Cabinet meeting.
  - b. **28<sup>th</sup> January, Julie Girling MEP & Derek Thomas PPC briefing:** TW and GH to attend.
4. **Penzance HRO challenge**

SL reported that a court date had not yet been assigned. CC have applied for expediency for consideration of this challenge.
5. **Penzance Option A**
  - a. **Business case sustainability:** Figures within Cabinet report from 25th January 2010 noted.
  - b. **Additional funding:** It was noted that the predicted £5m increase in project costs (due to Planning refusal) had made a £16m hole in the vessel reserve fund because it had to be assumed that CC would fund the gap with borrowing. If CC can

- secure increased funding from RFA and/or Convergence the vessel reserve will recover. Should also try RDA. **Action:TW**
- c. **Stakeholder meeting:** to be arranged to bring all local user groups and members together to discuss Option A. Date to be set. [PMN: 11 February 2010]
6. **Falmouth:** Business case to be developed for the Falmouth option to the same level of detail as per Penzance Option C. £300k budget allocated. Previous survey work by RAND to be reviewed and developed. Falmouth to St Mary's is a longer crossing but may provide different opportunities. A&P have been briefed on the requirements for DfT funding bids to be based on robust surveys. State Aid has been considered by Counsel and to be discussed with BIZ.
7. **Vessel build update:** A letter has been issued to the 4 shortlisted ship builders to request an extension to the period for the acceptance of their tender offer. **Action : NY**
8. **Vessel operator update:** Period for acceptance of current tender offers expires on 16 February 2010. Letter to be issued to request an extension for the period for acceptance of their tender offers. **Action : NY**
9. **Financial update:** The budget committed for project development of Penzance options A and C has been fully committed. Further funding has been approved by 25 January 2010 Cabinet for Option A resubmission (£250k) and initial Falmouth study (£300k).
10. **Key Dates:** Programme to be updated and issued to all **Action:NY**
11. **AOB:**
- a. True Friends of Penzance and Isles of Scilly are running a petition for support of Option A.
  - b. Discussion with IoSSCo needed concerning the ability to continue to operate the passenger and freight services until 2013. **Action: TW**
  - c. Falmouth members to visit St.Mary's harbour. Agreed to be beneficial. [PMN: 23 February 2010]
  - d. GH noted that CC Cabinet had been invited to Falmouth Docks on 12 February 2010 for a fact finding tour.
12. **Date of next meeting:** tba [PMN: 23 February 2010]