HARBOUR ROAD GARDENSTOWN – Update 14th March 2018

Aberdeenshire Council are fully aware of the impact that the ongoing road closure is having on the residents and businesses within the village and are working hard to improve the situation as soon as possible for all concerned.

The following update is a summary of the current situation but further updates will be issued with more details as soon as possible.

Roadworks:

BAM Ritchies have been instructed by Aberdeenshire Council to design and construct all necessary temporary works to allow Harbour Road to be re-opened as soon as possible, initially on a managed basis.

Safety is our first consideration and that of the contractor and, accordingly, removal of the debris at the base of slope must be carried out in such a manner as to minimise the risks to the general public, site staff, plant operatives and private properties. To this end, the contractor has been carrying out further investigative works and is currently preparing construction method statements and mobilising the necessary resources (labour, plant and materials) to allow the works to progress as quickly as possible, commencing early next week.

Once the material at the base of the slip has been cleared and a temporary structure installed we will review the situation to see if controlled openings can be reinstated while further works such as the installation of soil nailing, anchoring and mesh slope stabilisation systems are ongoing.

Fuel/Waste:

Aberdeenshire Council are currently organising suitable plant to facilitate both the delivery of coal/wood and the removal of domestic waste from the Seatown/New Ground areas. Our colleagues in Waste are closely monitoring the situation and will arrange for waste to be taken up Strait Path to the end of Main Street where it will be collected by the usual waste vehicle that serves the rest of the village. We have been in discussion with the main coal supplier, Bruce Lindsay Ltd, and will co-ordinate deliveries with them. However, should you have coal/wood delivered by a separate supplier, please ask them to contact myself directly and I will arrange their deliveries accordingly.

It is hoped, subject to delivery of the plant, to commence deliveries and continue with waste collection this coming Friday (i.e. 16th March).

If you require heating oil deliveries, please ask your supplier to contact myself and we will attempt to facilitate those deliveries to the best of our abilities, given the more hazardous nature of the fuel.

Should you require deliveries of other essential domestic/heavy goods, we **may** be able to provide assistance to your supplier in delivering these to your door.

Scottish Water:

Scottish Water have advised that their waste plant at the New Ground usually requires to be emptied every 8 weeks. They have confirmed that it was emptied 3 weeks ago and therefore has storage capacity for at least a further 5 weeks. They have also confirmed that in the event of a breakdown, they have spare plant available on site (e.g. pumps, motors etc.) and would only require pedestrian access for staff.

Emergency Services:

We continue to liaise with all the emergency services who have reiterated that they have plans in place to deal with the current situation.

Public "Drop-In" Session:

May I take this opportunity to remind you of the proposed public "Drop-In" session is being held on Friday 16th March at the "Dreel Hall" from 9am to 8pm. Details are available on the site notice board located at the junction of Main Street/Harbour Road.

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