HARBOUR ROAD GARDENSTOWN – Update 2nd February 2018

1. 13 responses were received from residents in relation to the questionnaire regarding future road openings, issued at the Public Meeting on 17th January. Discussions are currently ongoing to determine the most appropriate days to open the road and the how this will be appropriately supervised. It is hoped to provide more detail in next week’s update.

As a result, it is proposed to open the road next Thursday (8th February) between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm.

2. Procurement of the ground investigation works has been concluded and BAM Ritchie have been appointed to carry out this work. Work should commence in the next few weeks. The anticipated total duration on site is around 3 – 4 weeks.

An intrusive ground investigation survey is required to characterise the ground conditions at the site. This allows geotechnical parameters required to design of a permanent solution to be determined. With this data it is possible to undertake slope stability modelling of the area to determine the geotechnical parameters that control the characteristics of potential further slips, including estimating the volume of material that may still fail. This information is essential in developing the design for a permanent solution.

3. At the public on 17th January 2018 some residents expressed concerns about the ability of the emergency services to respond during the road closure.

The Scottish Ambulance Service has confirmed that they have an agreement in place with the Coastguard (MCA) to obtain assistance with extraction of patients if necessary.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service visited residents in the bottom half of Gardenstown on Saturday 20th 2018 checking/providing smoke detectors and giving basic fire safety advice. Crews also took names of occupants who requested a Home Fire Safety Visit. Local crews have been instructed that in the case of a mobilisation to this area, they will gather extra equipment on attendance to station prior to proceeding to an incident in this area.

Extra appliances will be made available in the area as required.

The Emergency Services continue to liaise closely and will keep this situation and the measures in place under review.

4. The bus operators are continuing with the service to the lower half of the village and both Stagecoach Bluebird and the Council would like to thank the residents for their co-operation in respect of maintaining clear access for the buses at the Main Street stop.

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