HARBOUR ROAD GARDENSTOWN – Update 23rd March 2018

Programmed Work and Road Openings

BAM Ritchie commenced work this week to remove the slip debris and re-erect the concrete block wall. Work will continue this weekend (ie 24th/25th March), in order to facilitate the programmed re-opening of the road, under the control of site staff, on:

Friday 30th March 1300-1930hrs
Saturday 31st March 0900-1930hrs
Sunday 1st April 0900-1930hrs
Monday 2nd April 0900-13.00hrs

As with previous manned openings, if, either before or during the openings, the slope is deemed unsafe, the road will be closed until it is safe to re-open it.

The emergency services will be advised of these new traffic management proposals and will adapt their procedures accordingly.

Parking Issues

The Bus Operators are still having issues with inconsiderate parking, in and around the bus bay on Main Street. We would urge drivers not to park in these areas as the operators have advised that, if they cannot turn at the junction, they will terminate their service at the top of the town which would be to the detriment of the residents in the lower half of the village.

Police Scotland have been advised of the issue and, hopefully, will arrange for policing, as their resources allow.

Deliveries/Collections

Waste collections have been carried out over the past two weeks, as have coal deliveries. These have been facilitated by the use of a quad bike & trailer and a power barrow, via Strait Path.

Should you require deliveries of essential materials (eg fuel, heavy goods, large items etc) please contact myself and I will organise, where possible, the manpower to operate both the quad and power barrow. It should be noted that these are on hire to Aberdeenshire Council Roads, not BAM Ritchie and can therefore only be manned by Council operatives. It should also be noted that the quad bike and barrow can only operate up to the bottom of the steps on Main Street/Strait Path due to the restrictive width at the top of the steps.
Public Meetings

There have been a number of public meetings over the past 2-3 weeks: a couple of Sounding Board group meetings held on 7th and 21st March, attended by a cross section of official and community representatives and the “drop-in” session last Friday which was well attended by the public. A number of comments/issues were highlighted at these meetings, these included not only issues dealt with earlier in this update but also the following:

1. Approach signing at the entrances to the village inferring that Gardenstown is closed – we are currently looking at alternative wording that will highlight that the village is “open”. However, until Harbour Road is opened on an un-manned basis, we will temporarily cover the existing signs when the road is open to traffic.
2. Health & Social care – should you, or a fellow resident, require health or social care assistance or advice, please phone 0345 6081206.
3. Aberdeenshire Council have set up a web page solely for the Harbour Road landslip (eg opening times, updates etc). The following link will take you directly to that page: http://bit.ly/gardenstownslip

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