

Appendix 2

RHU & SHANDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (R&SCC) – WED 11 OCT 17 MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER – CDR JAMES LEATHERBY (JL) – REPORT

- Exercise JOINT WARRIOR (JW) 172. As forewarned at the last meeting, this Exercise is currently in progress. A feature of this JW is that the participants include 9 x Frigates and destroyers, so the units involved are larger than has been the case over the last couple of such exercises and their planned activity transiting up and down the Clyde more frequent than usual.
- Construction of the Nuclear Support Hub (NSH) at the north end of HMNB Clyde. The MOD's contractor, Kier Graham Defence (KGD) began a programme of installing the main driven piles needed for this project towards the end of September. This has involved the delivery of marine plant to the Base and the delivery of steel piles by barge from Inchgreen to Faslane. The main piling operations are expected to be complete in March 2018 having been contained, in the main, within the normal working day.
- Emergency Planning Exercises. As advised previously Clyde was due to hold its annual nuclear emergency response demonstration on Wednesday 13 September 2017 and the response from our internal and external assessors deemed the Exercise to be an "adequate" demonstration of our on-site arrangements.
- The MOD Maisonettes above Smugglers Way. A Post Meeting Note was provided the day after the last meeting was held. It advised that the situation remains that the future requirement for the MOD's maisonettes in Rhu cannot yet be confirmed but the DIO will continue to work with the Base and the RN to seek an early resolution. In the meantime, plans are in hand to apply a package of work that will make them more secure and to prevent further dilapidation.
- The Ardenconnel Grass Sports Pitch. The Helensburgh Sports Hub Initiative continues to make slow but definite progress. On this basis it is now considered unlikely that the Rhu sports pitch will be developed further, as was previously envisaged. The recent agreements reached with 2 separate youth football teams for their use of the pitch for training and for matches rather supports this line of thought.