

## **Appendix 2: HMNB Clyde Update, supplied by Cdr Mark Fitzsimmons**

### **Infrastructure and Projects (relevant to Rhu and Shandon)**

#### **Mackenzie Estate**

- Mackenzie Estate (Smugglers Way) – Funding has now been approved. The plan to commence demolition in June has most likely slipped to July. A ‘take-on’ meeting planned for Tuesday 11 June is now expected to take place on Tuesday 25 June. This meeting should confirm the project start date, duration, communications strategy and order of demolition. Asbestos surveys and a traffic management plan are in hand.
- Future usage of the site has not been agreed.

#### **Southern Approach Road**

- There is a possibility that Argyll and Bute Council may be in a position to begin re-surfacing of the Southern Approach Road (SAR) as early as Wednesday 19 June. Other than the movement of contractors vehicles into and off site, no significant disruption is envisaged for the local community. It is currently envisaged that the work will take place only during the day and there will be no weekend working. There may be slightly more disruption to traffic on the A814 – particularly during the morning access period – subject to how much traffic backs-up on the SAR each morning and how many drivers choose to access the Base via North Gate instead.

### **Infrastructure and Projects – General**

- Future Accommodation Model (‘How and, by extension ‘where’ our service personnel and their families might be accommodated in the area in the future) – Project still due to commence on 30 September. HMNB Clyde remains the ‘pilot’ site for the Naval Service in a trial designed to last for 3 years. Nothing significant to report (NSTR)
- Clyde Accommodation Model (‘Options for how and where we might accommodate our service personnel in the next few years as demand increases in the Base) – NSTR. Options still under consideration and likely to be defined in the next 6-12 months(?) Both the Shandon House/St Andrews site and the Mackenzie Estate area may form part of this review.
- Naval Base Projects – All current projects proceeding as planned. NSTR.

### **Rhu and Shandon – Japanese Knotweed reported sightings on MOD Property**

- Latest spreadsheet update received from CC secretary.
- Passed to the Environmental Protection Team for action.
- On 31 May they indicated that they will conduct a check of the reported sites and establish what action is required.

### **Strategic Delivery and Development Forum (SDDF)**

- A joint forum with Argyll and Bute Council at which the standing topics of infrastructure, transportation, education and media/messaging are routinely discussed.
- The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 12 June.
- Post the meeting any updates from the SDDF will be verbally briefed to the CC.

### **Adjacent Community Council Engagement of interest**

- Helensburgh CC – Discussion continues with Helensburgh Rugby and Cricket Club over a potential improvement in their facilities (provision of an all weather 3G football and rugby pitch) which would then be jointly used by the club, the Base and local teams/groups.
- Garelochhead CC – Garelochhead Station Trust continue to provide excellent support to the veteran’s community with their fortnightly ‘Brunch Club’ now attracting up to 70 veterans. Their D-Day commemoration was also well attended by Scottish veterans – including Scottish war blind – and supported by uniformed staff from the Base.

### **AOB**

- Captain Craig Mearns is now due to leave his post of ‘Captain of the Base’ in July