

Ness Steering Group

Shona Bendix - Reference Notes pending minutes from meeting.

CB chaired. AT present. Zoom.

Followed agenda. Highlight reports etc confidential

Commemorative plaque? SB -Civic advice to consider tragedy and await national advice and consider carefully

SB's email noted and discussed In/Out of scope and need for fence drawing before 26 May. SB noted Gunton Warren oil leak and contamination across coast inc The Ness plus barrier/fencing being inadequate. They said cannot provide report to wider councillors as needs contextualising by their officer etc. SB said will arrange for Mark Seaman to attend FC if poss.

Increased expense as need to probe piles using UXO to remove contamination and then can get piling rig in for 8 June

Bridge could be in by end of June

Noted bridge = ramp (re and FOI request SB dealing with)

Signage ready by end of May. SF has liaised.

Resin anchors to stay neutral not stand-out colour

Norse will be talked to re maintenance and 14 trees will be maintained by Blackdown. Cannot lay turf yet as no way of watering.

Colin raised technical concerns re ramp and electricity. Elec costly. Water more manageable but no money in budget and ESC say already committed much extra. SB asked for breakdown details of budget for project and additional commitment from ESC.

Asked if wanted preservative on drying racks, no money to refurb, and only when prompted by AT did they mention SWT had been against it. SB said we needed clear papers to make considered decisions with all the facts.

Artwork at Ness application can still be made in due course as tourist attraction but at present Arts Council funding only on COVID-19. Need clear agreement from LTC but can not say when or on what at present. AT's framework document for process of agreeing artwork generally good and will be tweaked a bit by Calvin Winner.

SF's amendments to minutes forwarded by Colin.