



**Glasgow Airport Rail Link
St James Residents
Community Liaison Group
Approved Minutes
Monday 13 March 2006
Beechwood Community Centre**

Present

Alan Hopkirk (AH)	Paisley North Community Council
Donald Marshall (DM)	St James Residents Association
Mae Marshall (MM)	Paisley North Community Council
Councillor Thomas Williams	Renfrewshire Council
Connor McGowan	Office of Wendy Alexander MSP
John Halliday (JH)	SPT
David Gardner (DG)	SPT
Neil Halket (NH)	Faber Maunsell
Moray Macdonald (MMac)	Weber Shandwick

Apologies

Archie Anderson	Paisley North Community Council
Gordon Craig	SADD

ACTION

1. Introductions and Apologies

JH opened the meeting, and introductions were made.

It was noted that Walter Baird was Chair of St James Avenue Residents Association and that David Gentle was the Secretary.

SPT

2. Presentation on CLG Remit and Status of GARL

JH led a short presentation on the objectives and the remit of the CLG, and the status of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Project.

3. Overview and progress of GARL

It was confirmed that Councillors had been consulted and this included a meeting with the Ayrshire Joint Committee. SPT agreed to confirm whether Inverclyde Council was part of the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan Team

A number of questions were raised about proposed mitigation measures. JH responded that the structures would be designed to a high standard to minimise visual intrusion, noise and vibration. The Code of Construction Practice (now available on the project web site and copy enclosed) will deal with issues at the construction stage.

A concern was raised re the technical wording of some project documents. It was highlighted by JH that there is a need for these documents to be technical but where possible plain English explanations were provided. NH to check if there is glossary for the Stage 3 report.

An issue over the timely publication of project reports was raised by Mr Marshall. JH commented that reports were made public as soon as they were in a final state for publication.

Mr Hopkirk queried whether estimates had been made for disruption and environmental costs locally, particularly to local roads. JH reported that he felt all necessary costs had been captured in the economic case although they were dealing with global costs not individual items at this stage.

Councillor Williams stated that the Council did not see the local roads as main arterial routes and they were keen to see less traffic using them.

AH stated his concern re local road closures and possible disruption during the construction period. JH agreed to report back about this issue. *Discussed at meeting on 27 June.*

JH agreed to provide AH with drawings or descriptions of proposed bridges over McFarlane St. AH stated that the higher the structures, the bigger impact they would have.

JH suggested that the CLG meet every 2 to 3 months. AH requested that regular updates about the Parliamentary Committee were provided. It was agreed that monthly meetings may be more suitable once construction commences.

AH enquired as to how many mature trees would be lost. JH agreed to respond to this.

JH agreed, if possible, to provide examples of any similar viaduct structures.

AH asked that the CLG be provided with more information re compensation. JH agreed to respond to this matter following legal advice.

MM requested to attend other CLG meetings. JH responded that this was not the intention of the groups and that they were designed to focus on the issues of particular interest to the various groupings. Minutes from all meetings will be publicly available.

AH stated that the playing fields were not just for footballers but other recreational users as well.

TW stated that on completion there will be 20 pitches. The Council and SPT are currently agreeing 11 other locations for temporary pitches during construction. The Council expects SPT to provide these pitches.

4. Date of Next Meeting

No date was set for the next meeting although it was requested that it not be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. SPT to advise of next date.

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