

Carron Valley & District Community Council and Valley Renewables Group
COMMUNITY HALL

Progress Report No 7.

1. The Credit Check was completed on Candid Construction Scotland) Ltd and circulated round the Board. Darran McNamee, our Quantity Surveyor, advises there is nothing to concern us in the report. The few negative points are attributed to the size and youth of the company. We should also remember that we are paying only for work completed and approved, with retentions and in arrears. The QS, in agreeing each month's measurement, will reflect the cost of making good should the contractor default.
2. Candid Construction Ltd, the Contractor, took possession of the site on Monday 13th January. The site establishment is in place. However, since then we have been faced with Storm Eowyn, road closures on the B818, and almost continuous heavy rainfall. The on-site work has been delayed with only site clearance operations completed.
3. The area cleared of trees and scrub for the car park and ditch diversion has revealed many large stumps, buried roots, deep peat and very wet ground. New site investigations have proved a depth of up to 1.4metres to a firm base. Our conclusion is the prospect of putting the car parking on the south side of the road as planned looks both very difficult and increasingly expensive. Excavation down to a firm foundation would be required, on site disposal of the arisings and back fill with imported crushed demolition or quarry stone.
4. Our view is this is a cost that cannot be supported. We have taken the decision to relocate most of the car parking and its footpath to the north side of the road along the Events Space frontage, retaining the two accessible spaces on the south side for compliant access to the Hall. These proposals are supported by the Design Team and the Contractor. We are seeking an early sign off from Planning. A preliminary plan of the new layout is attached.
5. The first Contract Progress Meeting will be held on site on Thursday 20th February. The first payment to the Contractor is due in early February.

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