

CMAL Invites Local Communities to Slipway Public Meeting

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Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) will host a public meeting to update communities on the project to reconstruct the slipways at Colintrave and Rhubodach.

Individuals, groups and businesses are invited to attend the meeting:

Colintrave Community Hall

Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 19.00 hrs

Representatives from CMAL and Raynesway Ltd will present details of the proposed works and host a question and answer session.

CMAL, which owns ferries and harbours serving the west coast of Scotland and Clyde Estuary, awarded the contract to Raynesway Ltd after an OJEU tender process.

The work started in April 2017 and is scheduled to be complete by summer 2018.

CMAL and Raynesway Ltd will implement a phased construction project plan to allow the ferry service to continue to operate to timetable, minimising the impact on ferry users.

A temporary slipway will be constructed at Colintrave while the new slipway is built to the north at Rhubodach. The ferry service will then switch to operate between these two slipways to allow replacement of the Colintrave slipway and demolition of the old Rhubodach slipway. Finally, the temporary slipway will be removed at Colintrave and the vehicle queuing area completed.

Ruairidh Campbell, Senior Civil Engineer at CMAL said:

“We are very conscious of the impact of construction work on local communities and our aim is to keep disruption to a minimum, which is why we have planned a phased project. The meetings are an opportunity for people to find out about the project delivery plan and to raise any questions they may have about the work.

“The work is part of our ongoing programme of harbour upgrades and modifications. The existing slipways have reached the end of their life and the replacement of the slipways will provide a more resilient ferry service, with larger slipways offering more flexibility around tide levels.

“We hope to see as many local people and businesses as possible at the meeting.”

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Notes to editors:

1. Issued by Clark Communications on behalf of Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL). For media enquiries contact Anna Farley-Allan 0141 548 1822 / 07814 487 663/ anna@clarkcommunications.co.uk
2. CMAL own property at piers and harbours at more than 26 locations throughout Scotland. CMAL is delivering a programme of investment and improvements, which will create better facilities.
3. In addition to its pier and harbour facilities, CMAL owns 32 ferries and leases one further ferry. All 32 vessels are leased to CalMac Ferries Ltd for use on ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides. In addition, two ferries are currently under construction.
4. CMAL is a publicly owned company with Scottish Ministers as the sole shareholder.
5. For more information about CMAL visit: www.cmassets.co.uk