

Meeting Notes: Glencaple Growth Project

Date: 29 January 2025

Attendees: Scottish Water representatives, George Leslie Ltd, local councillors, community representatives, and other stakeholders.

1. Project Overview

- **Purpose:** Upgrade wastewater infrastructure to support growth in Glencaple.
- **Scope:**
 - Installation of two new septic tanks to replace the ageing infrastructure.
 - Construction of a new outfall pipe and removal of the old one.
 - Formation of a tanker lay-by for safer waste removal operations.
 - Temporary site compound for construction activities.
- **Investment:** Approx. £2 million.

2. Timeline & Planning

- **Proposed Start:** April 2025 (subject to planning approval).
- **Duration:** Estimated 6 months, aiming for completion by September 2025.
- **Next Steps:** Planning application to be resubmitted before the end of February 2025.

3. Community Engagement & Concerns

- **Local Impact:**
 - **Traffic & Access:**
 - No full road closures anticipated, minor traffic management for specific construction phases.
 - Measures to minimise disruption for local businesses, tourists, and residents.
 - **Aesthetic & Environmental Considerations:**
 - Grass-covered rock armour for visual integration.
 - Preservation of scenic views and local heritage elements.
 - **Heritage Considerations:**
 - Site linked to historic boatyard; potential for incorporating a commemorative element.
- **Communication Strategy:**
 - Regular updates via emails, letters, and social media.
 - Community engagement event planned for February 2025 at a local venue.
 - Dedicated project webpage for public information.

- On-site signage to keep the public informed.

4. Key Discussion Points & Actions

- **Common Good Land:** Awaiting confirmation on council committee review date (potentially 12th February 2025).
- **Tanker Lay-by Access:**
 - Aesthetic bollards and chains considered instead of a permanent barrier.
 - Ensuring unrestricted public access when not in use.
- **Heritage Integration:**
 - Request to incorporate a local feature (e.g., flagpole or signage) to acknowledge historic boatyard.
 - Further discussions required on feasibility.
- **Tourism & Business Impact:**
 - Commitment to minimising disruption during peak visitor season.
 - Consideration of promotional measures for local businesses (e.g., banners, advertising).
- **Community Requests:**
 - Potential addition of pedestrian steps to maintain access to popular walking routes.
 - Review of tanker emptying frequency due to historical concerns.

5. Next Steps & Follow-Ups

- Scottish Water to finalise planning submission.
- Ongoing discussions with stakeholders regarding local concerns.
- Coordination with Dumfries & Galloway Council on common good land approval.
- Community information event 13/02 3-6pm at Barbour Hall.
- Continued engagement with local businesses and residents.