



## FIRST MINISTER ANNOUNCES FURTHER SUPPORT

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister for Scotland, announced the Scottish Enterprise £11.7 million contribution towards the harbour's £350 million expansion during her visit to the site, which took place on the 17th of July.

The First Minister was interested to hear how construction had progressed on the project, which forms part of the National Planning Framework for Scotland and therefore is deemed to have national significance.

Nicola Sturgeon said: "Aberdeen Harbour is Scotland's main oil and gas port and one of Europe's leading marine support centres for offshore energy. This funding will open up significant opportunities to diversify and exploit the rapid growth in cruise tourism and the renewables markets in Scotland."

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## PROJECT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to the second issue of the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project Quarterly Newsletter.

It has been our first summer working on the Harbour expansion development, the South Harbour is already taking shape, and we can confirm that every build, environmental and H&S regulation and requirement is being complied with. Thanks to our work ethics and robust procedures, the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion is a safe project for every worker on site, and it is moving forward with the least possible impact on the local area.

Since commencement the relationship with neighbours of the project has been of paramount importance to Dragados UK. That is why, we have been working hard on our Community Benefit programmes including: the Community Investment Fund, TimeBank and Community Ambassador Programme.

We are happy to share our resources and expertise with the people and organisations who need it and who know best how to improve their community, and we are sure that these initiatives will make a positive difference to the neighbouring areas. We look forward to seeing how our efforts and programmes benefit the local community.

Yours sincerely

**Jose Enrique Perez**

## COMPLETED TASKS

- **February 2017**  
**Coast Road Widening**  
Allows the circulation of HGV to transport goods to the site
- **March 2017**  
**Utilities Location**  
Investigates site locations that may be affected by HGV or excavation works
- **Approved May 2017**  
**Construction Environmental Management Document (CEMD)**  
Necessary to ensure that every environmental requirement is duly implemented
- **June 2017**  
**Matters Specified in Conditions (MSCs)**  
Allows us to fulfil the requirements of ACC in terms of planning
- **July 2017**  
**Ground Investigation**  
Analyses the ground condition in order to carry out the works
- **August 2017**  
**Realignment of Cycle and Foot Path. Phase 1 of 2**  
Path realigned in order to ensure Health & Safety to neighbouring communities
- **August 2017**  
**Unexploded Ordnance**  
Surveys potential artefacts to ensure site safety

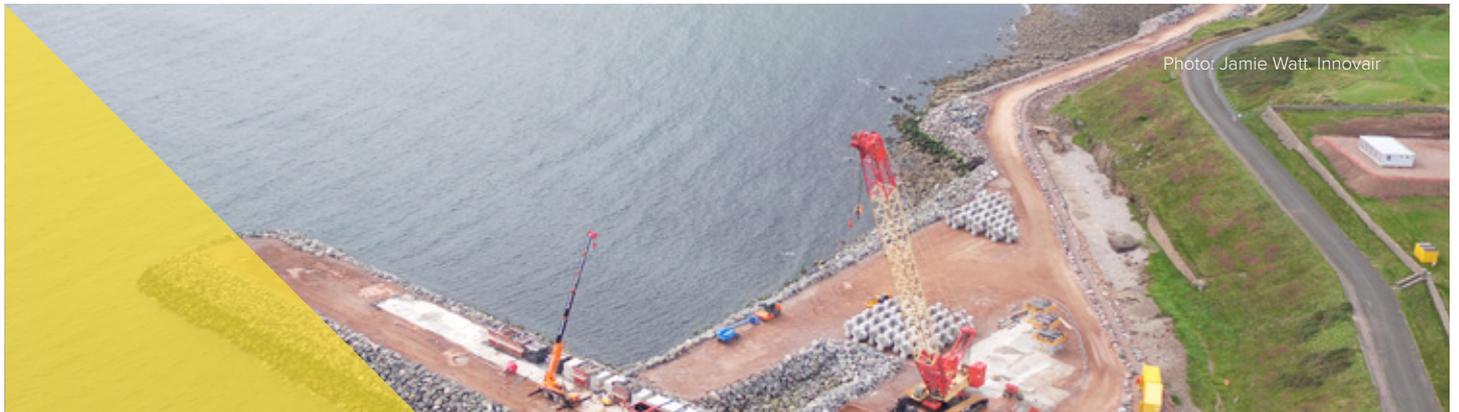


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## COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME AVAILABLE FOR TORRY RESIDENTS

Dragados UK have set up their Community Ambassador Programme which offers Torry residents the opportunity to be involved in voluntary non-construction based work experience placements, based at the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project Visitor

Centre. A full training programme will be provided which will develop these voluntary work placements, offering employability skills to currently unemployed residents.

The volunteers will work as part of the Dragados UK Community Engagement Team, supporting the delivery of the visits from schools in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire to the Visitor Centre. They will also support other events taking place

at the Visitor Centre, such as talks to professional and community-based groups as well as external talks, meetings, etc.

For more information about the programme, check the project website [www.ahep.co.uk](http://www.ahep.co.uk). If you are interested in becoming one of the Community Ambassadors, don't hesitate to drop us an email to [contactusAHEP@dragados.com](mailto:contactusAHEP@dragados.com) or call us on 0800 471 4829.

# WHAT'S NEW

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND AND TIMEBANK PROGRAMMES

Dragados UK have launched their Community Investment Fund and TimeBank, as part of their commitment to benefit the local communities surrounding the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project.

The **Community Investment Fund** consists of £70,000 that will be shared out amongst charities, education establishments and community groups operating in Torry during the 3 years of construction. The Fund will be considered bi-annually, and the **first deadline for applications will be the 30th of September 2017**. The first intake consists of £12,000.

The TimeBank offers 100 volunteer days each year during the construction works for charities, educational establishments and community groups operating in Torry. The TimeBank uses 'deposits' of time/resources from our highly qualified and experienced team, and our suppliers, which can be used to give real practical support and advice to organisations and groups who need it.

We believe that a community knows best its needs, and that is why our

TimeBank accepts applications for support in any field you need help with. For example, we can help your organisation by offering advice and support on different aspects such as HR, Marketing and PR, Environment, Finances, Engineering, Health & Safety, etc.

The TimeBank applications will be considered on an ongoing basis during the project.

To be eligible for funding or for a TimeBank 'deposit', your project, initiative or activity must:

- add value to the local community; and
- take place in Torry.

All the applications received for both programmes will be reviewed and decided by the Community Benefit Steering Group, consisting of Dragados UK, Aberdeen Harbour Board, Aberdeen City Council, CiTB, ACVO, Skills Development Scotland and North East Scotland College.

For more information on these initiatives, check out the project website [www.ahep.co.uk](http://www.ahep.co.uk). You can also drop us an email to [contactusAHEP@dragados.com](mailto:contactusAHEP@dragados.com) or call us on 0800 471 4829.



## NEW RE-ALIGNED COASTAL PATH MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

A newly constructed re-aligned path has been made available to replace the existing Coastal Path to the South of Nigg Bay, which has been closed to the public from the 11th of August until the completion of the construction works in 2020.

Sections of the Coastal Footpath, part of Aberdeen's North Sea Trail, and the Cycle Path, part of the National Cycle Network, have been realigned during construction works, maintaining a continuous path throughout. The design seeks to provide a simple continuous bound gravel footpath to formalise this route, now

shared by walkers and cyclists to the South of the Bay of Nigg.

The re-alignment of the path is critical to ensuring the health and safety of the public during the construction works, while ensuring that the leisure activities to the South of Nigg Bay are not affected.

Once construction is completed, permanent realignment of the coastal footpath will be undertaken.

The current re-aligned Coastal Path is detailed above, marked in yellow. Appropriate signage is also in place to guide everyone along this re-alignment.

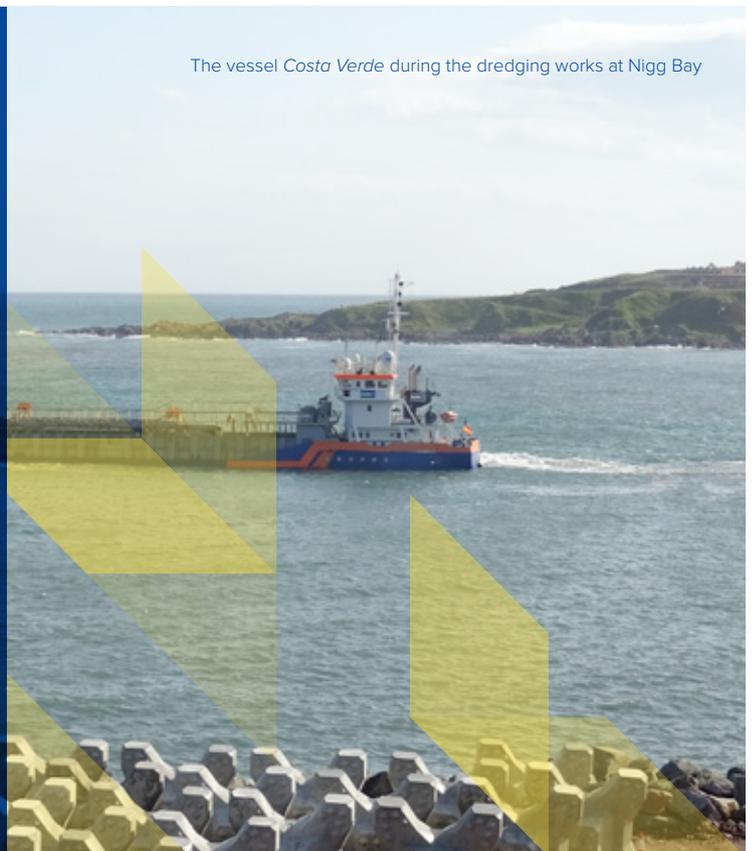
## EXPANSION PROJECT SEES DREDGING PHASE COMMENCE

The construction programme of the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project has passed a significant milestone in the commencement of dredging operations.

The first dredging vessel to arrive is Van Oord's, Costa Verde, which has commenced work in the bay. Built in 1998, the Spanish-registered vessel is a Trailer Suction Hopper Dredger. The vessel is almost 90 metres in length and has a hopper volume capacity of 2,400 cubic metres. It is scheduled to remove approximately 200,000m<sup>3</sup> of material prior to the arrival of a backhoe dredger later in the construction schedule, which will address the denser seabed material.

The dredging operation is designed to increase the water depth within the bay ahead of the construction of quays over the next three years, and the subsequent development of world-class deep-water berthage.

The vessel *Costa Verde* during the dredging works at Nigg Bay



# COFFEE BREAK



## MEET SCOTT

### Supply Chain Manager

**Where about in Scotland are you from?**  
I'm from Old Aberdeen.

**What was it like growing up in Aberdeen?**  
It was great. I've always done a lot of sports, especially karate. I was a member of the Shotokan club and I used to go to many competitions. My mother probably still keeps my medals somewhere. Also, I studied at Robert Gordon College. It was an all-male school at that time, imagine... but I had good times.

**What do you like most of Aberdeen/shire?**  
I love the scenery of Aberdeenshire and all Scotland. I use my motorbike a lot, you can just go anywhere and find really beautiful places. I think we are really lucky to be Scottish.

**How do you spend your free time in Aberdeen?**  
I teach scuba diving here in Aberdeen, that's my passion. Before, I used to be Station Officer at the Coastguard Rescue Team. Our base was in Torry, and I got to know the neighbourhood and the coast really well.

**Can you sum up your professional career?**  
I've worked for many years in the Oil and Gas industry, which gave me the chance to travel and

work abroad. I have worked in Aberdeen, and also lived and worked in Netherlands, Poland, Norway, Dubai etc.

**How did you end up in Dragados UK?**  
I asked for voluntary redundancy at my previous job, and I travelled to Thailand and Portugal. Back in Aberdeen, I sent my CV to an agency. The next day I had the interview at Dragados, and I started the job the day after.

**What's the most challenging aspect of this position?**  
Engineers! Just kidding. It's to coordinate everything to be delivered on time.

**And what's the most rewarding?**  
Seeing how the project is evolving. I feel privileged to be a part of this project and to see how it's moving on.

**How do you think the Harbour Expansion will impact this region?**  
I've always been related to the sea, I know how busy Aberdeen Harbour is, so I think the South Harbour is going to have a huge impact on it. Not just on Aberdeen, but the whole region will benefit from this facility.

- Place:** Local: Pennan  
International: Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Dish:** Anything vegetarian
- Sport:** Scuba diving
- Movie/series:** Thelma & Louise / Rizzoli & Isles
- Book:** The Secret Diaries of Adrian Mole
- Song:** Ride Like the Wind, by East Side Beat
- Perfect weekend for you is...** nice food, nice hotel and, if that doesn't work, scuba diving

## LOOK AHEAD

WORKS PROGRAMME	TIMELINE	COMMUNITY IMPACT	PLANNED MITIGATION
<b>Enabling Works: all works related to site investigations, such as Ground Investigation, Unexploded Ordnance, Utilities Location, Traffic Management, etc.</b>	Commenced in January. They will continue throughout the 3 month look ahead period.	Increase of construction activity.	Quarterly Newsletter and Website Updates to keep public informed of progress.
<b>Compounds Construction</b>	Commenced in May. It will continue throughout the next 3 month look ahead period.	Increase of construction traffic.	Quarterly Newsletter and Website Updates to keep public informed of progress.
<b>Construction of North Breakwater</b>	Commenced in May. It will continue throughout the 3 month look ahead period.	Increase of construction activity. Noise increase.	Noise Monitoring Units in place. Quarterly Newsletter and Website Updates to keep public informed of progress.
<b>Dredging</b>	Commencing in September (Mobilisation in August). It will continue throughout the 3 month look ahead period.	None	Quarterly Newsletter and Website Updates to keep public informed of progress.
<b>Accropodes Stationary Production</b>	Commenced in July. It will continue throughout the 3 month look ahead period.	Accropodes produced in former Lorry Park (Altens) until December 2017, when they will start to be produced in the South Compound.	Quarterly Newsletter and Website Updates to keep public informed of progress.
<b>Transport of Accropodes to site</b>	Commencing in August. It will continue throughout the 3 month look ahead period.	Increase of construction traffic.	Quarterly Newsletter and Website Updates to keep public informed of progress.



## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Contact us to ask questions, provide comments, make a complaint or find out more about the Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project:

Call us on the Project Hotline: 0800 471 4829

Email us at: [contactusAHEP@dragados.com](mailto:contactusAHEP@dragados.com)

Our Community Engagement team will be pleased to respond to you as soon as possible.