

The Honourable David Ige
Governor of the State of Hawaii
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu
Hawaii 96813

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

Reference: Falls of Clyde

Dear Governor Ige,

Falls of Clyde ship

I have been approached by Old Gorbals Heritage Trust, a wonderful group within my constituency which is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of Glasgow and other parts of Scotland.

Old Gorbals Heritage Trust and a number of interested parties, including the City of Glasgow College, are concerned about the future of the Falls of Clyde ship, currently moored in your state.

Very sadly, I gather that authorities in Honolulu intend to sink or otherwise destroy the ship, which is actually the last four-masted iron-hulled sailing vessel of its kind anywhere in the world.

Although it is now in Hawaii, Falls of Clyde was actually first launched in 1878 from the Russell yard in Port Glasgow, Scotland and it is understood that she sailed to every continent save Antarctica.

We would like to see Falls of Clyde repatriated to Scotland and rebuilt as a community run sail training venture on the River Clyde. The coalition of groups campaigning to save Falls of the Clyde are already in talks with a Dutch company, Fairtransport, who are also keen for the ship to be saved.

I seek your urgent intervention [to help](#) ensure that the ship is not destroyed or sunk. Second to that, I would greatly welcome the opportunity to speak with you with a view to discussing the ship's repatriation to Scotland.

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It goes without saying that you and your family are enormously welcome to come and visit Glasgow. I would be delighted to introduce you to Old Gorbals Heritage Group and the City of Glasgow College who **are keen** to see this iconic Scottish ship brought home to the Clyde.

Many thanks in anticipation of your kind consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Thewliss', written in a cursive style.

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c.c. Paul Little, Principal of the City of Glasgow College
David O'Neill, Old Gorbals Pictures Heritage Group
Rt. Hon Boris Johnson MP, UK Foreign Secretary

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