

THREE KINGS QUARRY SITE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2013 AT THE LYNFIELD ROOM, FICKLING CONVENTION CENTRE, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM

PRESENT:

Winstone Aggregates Attendees:

Tony Carpenter, Chris Edmonds, Nikki Elder, Daniel le Roux

Elected Representative Attendees:

Hon. Christine Fletcher, QSO

Auckland Council Attendees:

Steve Pearce, Team Leader, Monitoring & Compliance

Residents and Interested Parties:

Prof. Dick Bellamy (South Epsom Planning Group), Alan Bigelow (Three Kings United Group), Garry Bryant (Three Kings United Group), Lee Corrick (Albert Eden Local Board), Harry Doig, Peter Elliott, Julie Fairey (Puketepapa Local Board), O.M. Lichtinecker, Chris Mules, Pip Mules (South Epsom Planning Group), Dawn Taylor (Three Kings United Group), Gerry Wright.

Greg McKeown (Chairperson/Facilitator)

Sandra Kelly (Minute Taker)

1. WELCOME BY CHAIR

Greg McKeown called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to residents.

2. APOLOGIES

Nigel Turnbull, Puketapapa Local Board, Mary-Ann and John White, Pip Mules (lateness) and Christine Fletcher (lateness).

Winstone Aggregates Staff: Andrea Cave, Mike Harris, Elyse LaFace.

Moved G. McKeown, THAT the Apologies be received.

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Greg McKeown, THAT the Minutes of the Committee Meeting dated 27th May 2013 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. Seconded: Garry Bryant. **Carried**

4. MATTERS ARISING / ACTION ITEMS

A summary of the three actions which arose from the previous Meeting listed on the back of the revised Agenda were noted, namely:

Action 1 – Daniel le Roux to review sprinkler coverage.

To be addressed in the Quarry and Fill Operations Report.

Action 2 – Daniel le Roux to investigate the frequency of the baiting of traps.

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Action 3 – Nigel Turnbull to investigate safety of Mt Eden Road / Mt Albert Road intersection with Council Officers. Nigel to comment. (Unfortunately Nigel was not in attendance – so matter to be carried over until next Meeting. **Action: Elyse LaFace add to Agenda**

5. PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Uncovered Trucks

Dawn Taylor raised concern about trucks carrying uncovered loads into the quarry, not Winstone trucks but those of other operators. Other residents have picked up large pieces of rock, which is of concern.

Tony Carpenter advised that these kind of incidents should be reported to the quarry when they occur, rather than waiting for the next meeting. There is a check done at the entrance/exit, if there are concerns Winstone Aggregates will immediately raise them with the driver. As an observation Winstone Aggregates have noted that a number of companies are retrospectively fitting covers on their trucks.

At the next meeting Elyse will provide an overview of the situation in terms of unsafe loads.

Action: Elyse LaFace

5.2 Property

The WaterCare property located on the corner of Graham Breed Drive is owned by Winstone Aggregates and leased to WaterCare. It was originally set up as a water filtration plant but now houses a pump for water from the quarry. The pipes etc are checked and maintained by WaterCare.

Concern was raised about an eyesore near the Eifel on Eden Café and restaurant. A large chunk of concrete and a large mound of earth located to the rear of these buildings on the lefthand side. Tony explained it is part of the block of properties but sits outside the fence. This matter will be raised with Winstone's Property Manager. **Action: Tony Carpenter**

6. SITE MONITORING REPORT

Tony Carpenter (Operations Manager), in Mike Harris' absence, introduced himself, and presented the latest Site Monitoring Report (a copy of which is located on the company's website).

Garry Bryant queried why noise monitoring was undertaken twice a year as he didn't think it was representative. Tony explained that the complaints procedure is followed after any noise complaint is received.

Dick Bellamy commented that the dust monitoring data is really quite good and for the driest summer too. It was requested that the water data be presented in a similar format, so that the raw data and the trends can be seen. This could also be applied to the reporting of chemicals and ground water levels.

Action: Tony Carpenter/Mike Harris

Steve Pearce from Auckland Council advised that his colleagues were happy with the results and reports provided to them.

7. QUARRY AND FILL OPERATIONS

Daniel le Roux displayed maps to show where they will be filling in the site over the next few months. Chris Edmonds replied to Garry Bryant that there was no current plan to quarry in the corner where the buildings are located. Dick Bellamy queried the stability of the faces along Mt Eden Road, to which Chris explained Tonkin & Taylor had done a report for Winstone Aggregates and no work will be undertaken which is deemed unsafe by this report. Dick requested a copy of said Report.

Action: Chris Edmonds

A resident then asked Daniel if tracks were placed to get an idea of the population of pests in the area? He explained that at this stage only traps are being set. Further information to be provided on the type of bait used and the ingredients at the next meeting.

Action: Daniel le Roux

Tracking at an average of 127 truck movements per day compared to the consented 375.

Complaints

Five complaints have been received since the last Meeting.

Garry Bryant lodged a complaint about a rock on the road and does not consider the issue is being taken seriously. He believes that Winstones should have someone checking the loads on trucks and also the truck itself. Tony Carpenter explained that Winstone staff actively look out for rocks dropped outside the site and when found, trace these back to the source on site to reduce / eliminate a repeat occurrence.

Drivers will be reminded to check their loads before they leave the site. **Action: Tony Carpenter**

Dick recommended Winstones develop a risk assessment hierarchy and implement a regular timed inspection of Mt Eden Road. This would involve monitoring the road for a trial period, for large rocks which may have fallen off trucks and collate the data. Such inspections should be undertaken towards the end of the day. Winstones will discuss this recommendation at the next site operations meeting.

Action: Tony Carpenter/Daniel le Roux

Dick's recommendation was supported by Garry and Pip.

Christine Fletcher explained that quarries are an important and essential asset for the city, especially for future development. There is a broader scope for the Council to amend the framework for all quarries around the region in terms of road safety.

Garry asked how often the perimeter fence is checked as there are blocks of wood nailed to the fence to form a ladder to climb over. Daniel explained that he has not seen blocks of wood on the fence, but will investigate. It was noted that the fence had been cut at one point to let the chipper in.

Action: Daniel le Roux to investigate the fence line and effect any repairs

Resident requested a report on the number of loads which are rejected. Daniel said loads containing rubbish are not accepted, and if a job is pre-approved, then it does not get checked by the XRF machine. All other truck loads are tested with the XRF machine. Residents would like to know the percentage of loads that are pre-approved prior to arriving at the site, and also the percentage of the loads rejected.

Action: Daniel le Roux to provide for the next meeting

Dick Bellamy raised another Health and Safety issue regarding looking at child-proofing fencing (if the fencing is not secure). Christine Fletcher suggested a joint inspection to be carried out prior to the next Meeting.

Action: Chris Edmonds & Daniel Le Roux walk the fence in the morning

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Greg McKeown reiterated that the big issues in the area are the quarry, and aircraft noise. There is a Precinct Plan and the Unitary Plan is proceeding at pace. Is there anything going on in the background about the future of the quarry site? And is there any way for the community to participate in these decisions? Christine Fletcher mentioned that community participation has been limited to date. There is a large three day meeting on 27 – 29 August to cover the Unitary Plan which will be open to the public. There is a Notice of Motion put forward by Sandra Coney - legal opinions in advance of the Unitary Plan being released.

9. NEXT MEETING

Monday 25th November 2013, 7.00 pm

Meeting declared closed at 8.30 pm

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