

THREE KINGS QUARRY SITE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT THE LYNFIELD ROOM, FICKLING CONVENTION CENTRE, COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM

PRESENT:

Winstone Aggregates Attendees:

Tony Carpenter, Andrea Cave, Chris Edmonds, Mike Harris, Elyse LaFace, Daniel Le Roux

Elected Representative Attendees:

Councillor Cathy Casey, Albert-Eden-Roskill
Lee Corrick, Albert-Eden Local Board
Harry Doig, Puketapapa Local Board
Michael Wood, Puketapapa Local Board

Auckland Council Attendees:

Fraser Park, Councillor Support Advisor, Democracy Services
Steve Pearce, Team Leader, Monitoring & Compliance

Residents and Interested Parties:

Prof. Dick Bellamy (South Epsom Planning Group), Alan Bigelow (Three Kings United Group), Alison Brown, Michael Brown, Garry Bryant (Three Kings United Group), Robin Duke, Sarah Giblin, Gary Marshall, Roz Smith, Dawn Taylor, Mary Ann White, John White, Chrissie Wright. More were in attendance but did not sign the register.

Greg McKeown (Chairperson/Facilitator)
Sandra Kelly (Minute Taker)

1. WELCOME BY CHAIR

Greg McKeown called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The order in which the Agenda would be followed was outlined as well as the expected conduct of the group.

2. APOLOGIES

Councillor Christine Fletcher, Albert-Eden-Roskill
Pipe Mules (South Epsom Planning Group)

Moved Greg McKeown, THAT the Apologies be received.

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Greg McKeown, THAT the Minutes of the Meeting dated 25th November 2013 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING / ACTION ITEMS

A summary of actions from the previous Meeting Minutes were listed on the back of the Revised Agenda.

Two old Action Items were also addressed:

1. Nigel Turnbull to investigate safety of the Mt Eden Rd / Mt Albert Rd intersection with Council Officers.

Action 1: Michael Wood to follow up with Nigel Turnbull regarding the safety investigation of Mt Eden Rd / Mt Albert Rd intersection.

2. Mike Harris to liaise with Dick Bellamy regarding the report which discusses the faces along Mt Eden Rd.

Mike Harris replied that it was an internal report. Therefore it was agreed that Mike Harris will present the findings of the report at the next meeting.

Action 2: Mike Harris to prepare in presentation format a summary of the stability of faces report.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Garry Bryant requested to speak on three items:

1. Wheel wash

Garry Bryant commented that every Friday at approximately 7.00 am the upper wheel wash is cleaned out, therefore trucks are not having their wheels washed before they exit the quarry onto Mt Eden Rd. He stated that this work should occur after-hours or on the weekend. Daniel Le Roux advised that the trucks still go through the wheel wash at the bottom of the quarry. Daniel further advised that it was a health and safety concern to clean the wheel wash after-hours or on the weekend as the work is done by a contractor. However, in the future if an effect is observed the current procedure would be reviewed.

Garry Bryant also queried what type of filtration system was in place at the wheel wash. Daniel Le Roux explained the system used. Elyse LaFace advised that the water discharged from the wheel wash has been tested in addition to the quarterly sampling at the dewatering well pump. Daniel also explained how the bottom wheel wash operates.

2. Noise monitoring

Garry Bryant noted that noise monitoring was not carried out at Graeme Breed Drive due to construction noise from the adjacent housing developments during the last noise monitoring round. Garry Bryant asked why monitoring was not done at another location. Mike Harris noted that another location was monitored and reported. Garry Bryant added he would like to see monitoring done between 7.00am and 8.00am when the background noise is low; this was supported by John White. Andrea Cave advised that Winstone Aggregates do not control the date or time of day of monitoring as it is done by a specialised company but the request will be made.

Action 3: Elyse LaFace to request that the noise monitoring consultants undertake the next round of biannual monitoring from 7am.

3. Mt Eden Rd bund

Garry Bryant reported that leaves from the trees on the bund along Mt Eden Road block up the stormwater grates causing ponding of water during heavy rain. He stated that the area in general needs to be tidied up. Prof. Bellamy supported this and queried why this type of thing is always discussed, when relatively minor expenditure could rectify this problem. Andrea Cave replied that the company has gardeners who tidy the area at regular intervals.

Action 4: Daniel Le Roux to review the maintenance of the Mt Eden Bund.

Dawn Taylor also spoke and firstly congratulated Winstone as their trucks are now covering their loads. She went on to say that the other contractors which are not covering are acting unlawfully and she is concerned that a rock may fall off such a truck and cause serious injury. Greg McKeown noted that the same issue has been discussed at previous meetings and that the advice offered to date was that the trucks were not acting unlawfully.

6. QUARRY AND FILL OPERATIONS

Daniel Le Roux and Elyse LaFace reported on current quarry and fill operations (a copy of which is on the company's website). Points of note include:

- The location of current and project work areas were described.
- Average number of truck movements per day was 145 for the last quarter.
- Fill Weighted Rolling Mean 12 Month results were displayed, with all results compliant for the last Quarter.
 - Prof. Bellamy asked where the lead was coming from, to which Elyse LaFace replied it is likely from pesticides and historic lead-based paints.
 - The location of the source of fill was also queried, to which Elyse LaFace replied that larger sources were from major infrastructure projects across Auckland and smaller sources were typically more local residential sites.
 - Following a query by Prof. Bellamy it was noted that the XRF machine is used on site for non pre-approved sources and screens for the presence of elevated heavy metals. The majority of rejections of loads are due to a failed XRF results.

- Five incidents / complaints had been received since the last Meeting. These were outlined to the along with the various outcomes.

7. SITE MONITORING REPORT

Mike Harris presented the site monitoring report (a copy of which is on the company's website). Points of note include:

- The groundwater level monitoring continues to generally follow seasonal trends.
 - Another pneumatic piezometer ceased working over the last quarter.
 - The continued loss of piezometers is being discussed with the Auckland Council.
- The groundwater chemistry results were reported.
 - A trigger for Zinc in Borehole 7 was noted and it was stated that there is no direct groundwater link between the quarry and this Borehole; therefore the results are considered ambient.
 - It was also stated that the groundwater level would rise approximately RL57-58m should pumping cease.
 - Michael Wood queried the apparent upward trend of that groundwater chemistry since filling commenced. Mike Harris reported that Winstone Aggregates are monitoring the results and trends.
 - Prof. Bellamy requested details on the error associated with the results.

Action 5: Elyse LaFace to query the accredited agency that undertakes the groundwater chemistry testing about the error associated with each of the parameters.

- Garry Bryant noted that he had requested and received the air quality monitoring data for 6th February 2014 (Waitangi Day public holiday) as the site was dry with no water cart operating. Nothing triggered on that day but queried why is the site not watered daily instead of waiting for a text alert trigger. Mike Harris advised the BAM Monitor records the dust figures continuously and added that the sprinkler system works on a regular basis with the water cart targeting active work areas when the site is operating. Stockpiles are watered to a level of approximately 1.5 metres high.

8. CONSENT VARIATIONS

Andrea Cave reported as follows:

As part of the site operation, Winstone hold a Resource Consent to authorise dewatering (this Consent expires on 31st December 2030).

Winstone are proposing to vary the monitoring conditions. This would involve:

- Reducing the number of groundwater monitoring bores (vary condition 7 to remove all groundwater monitoring requirements with the exception of quarry water reference level bores).
- Removing the requirement to undertake precise level surveys (as cessation of settlement has been recorded since mid-2005).

Andrea Cave noted that the purpose of mentioning it at this Meeting was to indicate that this is very much the start of the process. If a decision is made to proceed with an application, then ongoing consultation will be undertaken with the Site Liaison Group.

In addition, Andrea Cave advised that it may be necessary to amend one of the conditions in the amalgamated fill consent. This variation would relate to land that would be utilised as open space and thus different compaction standards would apply. Subject to wider planning processes, a resource consent variation application might need to be prepared. The reason for doing this was to give the company options.

Discussions then ensued, and the following points arose:

Regarding the groundwater levels and precise level survey residents felt that cessation of monitoring would result in the loss of historic data going forward and should not occur. Prof. Bellamy stated that the removal of the database would destroy everything they have gone through over the last 10 years and we can no longer evaluate the effects going forward.

In regards to varying compaction standards it was queried why such an application would be put through now as there are still no confirmed decisions on the end use of the land. This query was supported by Harry Doig. Prof. Bellamy pointed out that the company is the holder of the consent which was the subject of a Council Hearing, a 10 day Environment Court Hearing and a Harrison Grierson plan etc. Therefore, this is just another example of “corporate arrogance” as there has been no consultation with the community whatsoever.

Steve Pearce said the Council had not received any applications as of yet and that the decision on if the variation was processed notified or non-notified would be subject to an RMA process. He confirmed that he has noted the concerns raised tonight and would pass them on to the appropriate Officer should an application be received.

Action 6: Steve Pearce to pass on the concerns raised by the group should an application made by Winstone be received.

Michael Wood added that the Local Board would be asked for input on whether such an application be notified or not. Prof. Bellamy said there is unfairness in this decision making, so to form a view on how to handle these matters, he would like to think that the community has an opportunity to express their reservations and to raise various technical issues which may or may not be presented by the applicant. He added residents are fed up with only receiving limited information and want an equal opportunity for input on how the application is handled by Council.

9. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT

Chris Edmonds noted that tonight was not consultation regarding final landform and end use. He stated that consultation is being lead by Fletcher Developments and is not complete.

The Precinct Plan process has been discussed at meetings between the Council and Fletcher Developments. Fletcher Developments have also worked on a private plan change and have held one Open Day. There will be another meeting on 4th March regarding the Precinct Plan. Bernie Chote from Fletcher Developments can be contacted via email to respond to queries and questions in this regard. berniec@fcc.co.nz

Councillor Casey said that Fletcher's FAQ Three Kings Quarry Urban Redevelopment document which was available tonight did not contain an appropriate disclaimer and was misleading. She added that no decisions have been made on Council land though this has been referred to in the document. She will be lodging another formal complaint that the FAQ document is deceitful. Councillor Casey also asked at what stage was the community consulted regarding a reduction of the fill level.

Garry Bryant also asked when the community would be consulted on the final landform and end use. He requested that a letter should be issued to the community with details of the consultation process. Prof. Bellamy said the community want to know that the person who is consulting is acting in good faith and in accordance with the Consent. The group supported this and stated that the Open Day was not consultation and presented the information as 'fait accompli'. Gary Marshall requested Fletchers delay their Private Plan Change and wait for the community Board-led Precinct Plan process to occur so they can respond to the community input. This was support by the group noting that the planning process needs to be upheld as a private plan change by one player jumping ahead undermines the integrity of the process.

A consultation strategy plan was requested.

Action 7: Andrea Cave to provide feedback to Fletcher Development from this meeting and request a consultation strategy to be provided to the group.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Garry Bryant requested that the following two documents be attached to the Minutes, namely:

1. Community Relations Policy, and
2. Environment Policy

Action 8: Elyse LaFace to issue the company's community relations and environment policies with the minutes.

Michael Wood noted that the Puketapapa Local Board is holding a meeting at 6.00 pm on Thursday 27th February 2014 at which land swap options will be discussed, and everybody is welcome to attend. Agenda items and relevant meeting papers can be found on the Board's website.

11. NEXT MEETING

Monday 26th May 2014, 7.00 pm

Meeting declared closed at 9.45 pm

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