

THREE KINGS QUARRY SITE LIAISON GROUP MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2011
AT THE THREE KINGS SCHOOL HALL
COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM**

PRESENT:

Winstone Aggregates Attendees:

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

Elected Representative Attendees:

Tim Woolfield (Albert-Eden Board)
Michael Wood (Puketapapa Local Board)

Residents and Interested Parties:

Prof. Dick Bellamy (South Epsom Planning Group), Alan Bigelow, Alison & Michael Brown, Bill Dyll, Peter McConnell, Graeme Mulholland, Dawn Taylor, Hugh & Trish Thomson, Alisha Warburton, Kirsty Wilson, C. Wright

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

Attendees at the Meeting stood and observed a minute's silence to mark the passing of local resident, Mrs Veronica Friedlander, who was an active and regular attendee of these meetings.

1 APOLOGIES

Dr Jackie Blue (MP), Lee Corrick (Albert-Eden Board), Dianne Hill (Three Kings United Group), Pip Mules (South Epsom Planning Group).

Moved G. McKeown, THAT the Apologies be received.

Carried

2. WELCOME BY CHAIR

Greg McKeown called the meeting to order, and welcomed attendees.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: G. McKeown, THAT the Minutes of the Committee Meeting dated 29th August 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting. Seconded: A. Cave. Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 Andrea Cave confirmed that a plan outlining the blast notice locations had been provided to Michael Wood. Confirmed in person by Michael Wood.
- 4.2 On behalf of Nigel Turnbull Andrea Cave confirmed that he had invited the Chair of Albert-Eden Local Board to attend future Three Kings Site Liaison Group Meetings – Tim Woolfield in attendance as a result of the invitation.
- 4.3 Dick Bellamy suggested (by email) the provision of a Meeting Schedule for 2012. These Meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month every Quarter, beginning Monday 27th February 2012, followed by Monday 28th May 2012, 30th July 2012 and 29th October 2012.
- 4.4 Andrea Cave confirmed that she had spoken to shop owners in the Three Kings Mall regarding the placement of a blasting signage board. Mall management confirmed that they did not wish for a large blast notice to be placed within the confines of the mall.
- 4.5 Andrea Cave confirmed that the relevant CCO's had been advised that Management Plans were available for feedback – this was done in regards to Transport and Watercare. Tony Carpenter then advised that a pedestrian refuge has been designed and it was intended to be located between Graham Creed Drive and the entrance to the school (looking at construction in 2012). Dawn Taylor asked if it was similar to the one at Kingsway? Tony Carpenter replied, explaining the proposed design; however he will review the design in relation to ramp access for pram/pushchair wheelchairs and report back at the next meeting. Dick Bellamy then added that the Consent stated that the pedestrian refuge is to be designed to the satisfaction of the Manager and queried who the Manager is? The Manager is the person in the Council who looks after regulatory compliance. Dick Bellamy then quoted Condition 45 regarding a survey on the carriageway and queried how will we know that this has been done and how will it fit with other conditions in the Consent. Andrea Cave advised that she has been in touch with the Council to ascertain who we can contact regarding queries and was advised the Team Leader of Compliance and Monitoring, Steve Pearce. Dick Bellamy then stated he was advised it would be Sarah Patterson. Graeme Mulholland suggested that they be invited to attend our future Meetings and report on the progress of Consents (NOTE:- Sarah is a member of Steve's Compliance and Monitoring Team).

Action 1: Tony Carpenter to review the required pedestrian refuge check that the appropriate ramps etc. are provide to allow access for prams, wheelchairs and similar.

Action 2: Andrea Cave to add the Progress of Consents as a standing Agenda Item, and issue invitation/s to the relevant Auckland Council personnel to attend future Meetings to keep residents up-to-date with progress and answer any queries etc.

4.6 Drill and Blast Programme – Tony Carpenter will cover this in more detail in his report.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Session/s available in the future if you wish to raise a topic.

Michael Wood of Puketapapa Local Board advised that they had signed off the Local Board Agreements, showing their priorities and plans for the next three years. They wish to develop a comprehensive plan for the site and also wish to see the reservoir removed. Copies of the Plan are available at the local Board Office.

Action 3: All – contact Michael Wood if you wish to receive a copy of the Puketapapa Local Board Plan.

Puketapapa Local Board Contact Details:

Address:	560 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings
Postal details:	Auckland Council, Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142
Contact phone number:	(09) 624-4941
Opening hours:	8.30am - 5pm

Action 4: Michael Wood to provide the sections of the Plan which relate to the Three Kings Quarry to Andrea Cave so that she can attach them to the Minutes when circulated.

Action 5: Andrea Cave to attach the sections of the Puketapapa Local Board Plan to the Minutes when circulated.

6. SITE MONITORING REPORT

Mike Harris introduced himself, and presented verbally a site monitoring update. This summarised that there had been no triggers for groundwater or air quality. Mike Harris also advised that Winstone Aggregates were awaiting the results of the biannual noise monitoring. Once these results were received they would be placed on the Winstone Aggregates website.

He answered a question raised, advising that Marshall Day an independent specialist company carries out the biannual noise monitoring.

7. QUARRY OPERATIONS AND FEEDBACK / DRILL AND BLAST PROGRAMME

Tony Carpenter, Three Kings Quarry Manager, presented his Report; a copy of which is available on the company's website. He then showed an aerial photograph of the site and used this to depict where rock is currently being extracted from, along with blasted areas; and the plan for the next 3 months' blasting.

Since the last Meeting in August, another two possums were caught on the site. Lemons and carrots were used as bait to avoid catching domestic cats. Dick Bellamy suggested using peanut butter as bait.

Tony Carpenter advised that 18 blasts have taken place since the last Meeting in August. Two complaints have been received, however all blasts have been compliant with both vibration and over pressure limits. Dick Bellamy asked which blast readings relate to the two complaints received. Tony Carpenter replied that this would be explained further in his Report. Dick Bellamy then asked if all blasts were compliant; with one in the 27 blasts above the limit. Tony Carpenter replied yes in this case but will clarify for the next Meeting, whether the regularity is one in 20 or otherwise. Tony Carpenter then advised that an investigation had been done in relation to this blast and as a result practices amended. If it was to happen again it was advised that a report would be prepared and submitted to council.

In response to a query around how much of the quarry floor is basalt, Tony replied that that is difficult to estimate but would say under 50% was basalt.

In regards to complaints there have been two since the last meeting.

- Complaint Details:

Resident made contact the day following the blast (15/9/11) reporting that the blast had seemed very loud from their Hunters Park Drive residence. Some comment was made that the nuisance noise was also the blast warning sirens sounded from near the weighbridge when we fire blasts from there.

Complaint Resolution:

The resident was contacted to discuss the issue. The blast in question was relatively small (17 holes, 87kg explosive) but was located at a high point in the quarry which could have meant the noise was more audible. Monitoring was conducted there for a similar blast with no issues noted.

Regarding the sirens, all sirens are now sounded from a central point in the quarry when possible. There have been no further issues noted.

- Complaint Details:

Resident of Mt Eden Rd made contact on 15/11/11 with some questions regarding recent blasting. He had noticed the last few blasts could be more easily felt at his house and so just had a few questions regarding the monitoring results of these.

Complaint Resolution:

The Site Manager received the initial phone call from the resident. The recent monitoring results were given over the phone along with a description of recent blasting locations and sizes.

After the discussion the resident was happy with the information he received and declined the offer of written results being supplied and further monitoring.

Staff Changes

Daniel Le Roux has been promoted to the role of Quarry Manager at Three Kings. Tony Carpenter has been promoted to the role of Operations Manager, however he will still oversee Three Kings. Elyse LaFace is the Environmental Co-ordinator for Three Kings and Puketutu Island.

Daniel Le Roux

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Dawn Taylor advised that local residents close to the site should be advised when blasting is to occur. Not everybody is on Facebook, Twitter, text or has access to the website, email etc. Nor can they read signage when driving along the road. Tony Carpenter advised that prior to undertaking the blasting programme a leaflet drop was done to the wider community. In this correspondence all residents were advised to contact Winstone Aggregates to confirm their preferred method of notification (if required). He then advised that it was impractical to undertake a leaflet drop 30 minutes prior to each blast. However, if a phone call was most appropriate this could be arranged.

Tony Carpenter advised this would occur via signage on the new fence when constructed. Dick Bellamy then enquired as to the purpose of the fence, and was advised that it was mainly being constructed for safety reasons, as it would be more structurally sound than the current fence, and be safer for the car parks. The fence will contain several viewing portals down to the site so that residents can see what is happening.

Action 6: Tony Carpenter to clarify, for the next Meeting, whether the blast compliance regularity is one in 20 or otherwise.

8. UPDATE ON FILL CONSENT / MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATES

Andrea explained that a Consent Implementation Team has been formed and outlined that there are four management plans on the website made available for feedback. Feedback is to be provided in writing and feedback forms are available.

She provided a brief overview of the Air Quality Management Plan and Quarry Management Plan, which have been updated.

A Traffic Management Plan and Site Traffic Safety Plan – Drivers Code of Conduct are new plans that have been drafted up as one combined plan referred as the Traffic Management Plan (TMP). In addition the 10 Golden Rules for drivers entering site were introduced.

A resident asked if trucks had GPS systems – all Winstone Aggregates trucks do, but we cannot control what smaller contractors use in their vehicles. In addition, concerns were raised regarding trucks not covering their loads. Residents are to advise site of trucks with uncovered loads and if possible provide truck registration numbers, date and times. Winstone Aggregates trucks are covered, but as explained previously, they cannot legally make other trucks use covers. Condition 40 relates to major contributors covering their loads (where necessary), therefore this point needs to be clarified in the TMP. It was pointed out that dust usually arises when material is dry.

The Fill Management Plan (FMP) was also introduced. A draft FMP was created during the consenting phase and the current draft is an update to that version.

Dick Bellamy asked if Winstone Aggregates could put very clean fill into the bottom layer when filling begins (in particular clay).

Graeme Mulholland suggested residents and interested parties obtain photocopies of the Plans on offer and read these so that questions can be answered. Dick Bellamy said consultation over the next 4 weeks is unsatisfactory due to the time of the year.

Andrea Cave then suggested establishing a Workshop over the next few weeks to discuss the Plans. This was agreed to flush out the main issues – with such a Workshop to take place in the evening. Dick Bellamy suggested moving the deadline; however Andrea Cave advised that Winstone Aggregates were working towards a start date of early April 2012 (subject to consent compliance). Chris Edmonds advised that the proposed date was set in conjunction with Puketutu Island being closed. Andrea Cave then advised that she would discuss with Auckland Council representatives to try to extend the consultation timeframe.

Action 7: Dawn Taylor – advise Andrea Cave with full details of trucks she notices without covered loads.

Action 8: All – put your name down if you wish to receive a hard copy of any of the Plans or participate in an evening Workshop/s or contact Andrea Cave.

Action 9: Andrea Cave to arrange a Workshop and advise residents.

Action 10: Andrea Cave to ascertain whether or not the April 2012 deadline can be moved.

Action 11: Andrea Cave to contact Auckland Council regarding 3 month submission requirement, then advise everybody of the outcome.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 A resident asked if Winstone Aggregates had any baseline data in regards to ambient air quality along Mt Eden Road. Andrea Cave advised that there was applicable information contained within the original application and the evidence of Andrew Curtis. This information could be forwarded on to all interested parties.

Action: Andrea to investigate existing ambient air quality monitoring completed by Auckland Council in the surrounding area. Send a copy of the information to interested parties.

10. NEXT MEETING

Monday 27th February 2012, 7.00 pm

For more information visit the Winstone Aggregates website: <http://threekingsquarry.co.nz/>