

Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 2nd December 2008, Banavie Quarry – 6.00pm

Introduction

Bob Gordon started the meeting by explaining that the Company had restructured its management team and that Martin Anderson was no longer with the Company. Banavie Quarry was now the responsibility of Charlie Anderson and Neil Forbes who were now going to be present at the Liaison meetings.

There was no representative from the Killmallie Community Council as there were no elected members from the recent elections.

It was proposed to co opt Ronnie Maclean on to the Liaison Committee in replacement of Tony Whitelocke and this was agreed at the meeting

Attendees –

Bob Gordon – Ennstone Thistle – Support Services Director (Chairperson of the Liaison Committee)

Gerald McIntyre – Resident

Russell Leaper – Resident

Ronnie Maclean – Resident

Barbara Gillies – Resident

John Martin – Ennstone Thistle – Quarry Supervisor

Stephen Fair – Highland Council, Planning Department

Charlie Anderson – Ennstone Thistle – Commercial Director

Neil Forbes – Ennstone Thistle – General Manager - Operations

1 Apologies

Colin Morrison – Ennstone Thistle – Regional Production Manager

Jim Tolmie - Highland Council, TEC Services

Councillor Bill Clark

Chris Strong – Highland Council – TEC Services

Duncan McInnes - KCC

2 Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes agreed.

3 Quarry Up-date

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon gave an update on the status of the on going environmental improvements as follows:-

1 –The hydromulching of the quarry back faces has been carried out but will probably need another spray in the spring

c) Future work load – The on going Mallaig contract was now expected to be completed end January early February

The proposed concrete works discussed at the last meeting, at Corran slipway has been delayed due to initial estimates being in excess of the budget monies available.

d) Quarry Development – Due to the slow down in works there had been little progress on the quarry development front. The next blasting would be taking place spring of next year.

4 Review of complaints rec'd:

Bob Gordon advised that a complaint had been received from Mr Hamilton re noise coming from the asphalt plant. This was investigated and a faulty bearing had been replaced.

ACTION – Colin Morrison to contact Mr Hamilton to ensure concern now alleviated

Russell Leiper - raised comment re lights on the asphalt plant being left on through the night recently. John Martin advised that this was his responsibility and they had been left on due to the recent alleged fuel theft at the Quarry.

ACTION – John Martin to investigate a sensor monitoring system in its place.

Ronnie Maclean advised that despite Company assurances the traffic movement coming to and from the quarry, in particular speed etc could still be improved. Disappointed with the poor response from the company due to an incident in November re external Haulers operating out of the Quarry.

ACTION – Bob Gordon to follow up on the external haulier complaint. Neil Forbes and Charlie Anderson will be responsible for future conduct of the transport issues and to have closer links with any complaint received, while also giving more support to John Martin.

Neil Forbes to investigate the possible installation of CCTV cameras to assist in this objective.

5 Comments from the Community

No further comments to add

6 Comments from Highland Council:

No Comments to add

7 AOB:

The proposed distribution of the minutes of the liaison meeting via the Killmallie CC web site has not been achieved due to the CC not in existence at present. It was agreed to post the minutes on the notice board in Banavie and Killmallie and Russell Leaper agreed to do this on behalf of the Liaison Group. Bob Gordon to post copies to Russell.

A request from a neighbour to Russell Leaper that a blast monitor be placed at their property at the next blast was agreed.

ACTION - Colin Morrison to organise.

8 Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 10th March 2009 - 6.00pm at Banavie Quarry