

Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 7th April 2009, Banavie Quarry – 6.00pm

Introduction

Bob Gordon started the meeting by explaining that Ennstone Thistle Ltd had been sold to Breedon Holding Ltd, a banking consortium, and is now a private operating company, but still trading under the name of Ennstone Thistle Ltd.

Attendees –

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

Ronnie Maclean – Resident

Barbara Gillies – Resident

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

Gerald McIntyre – Resident

Russell Leaper – Resident

John Martin – Ennstone Thistle – Quarry Supervisor

Chris Strong & Jim Tolmie – Highland Council – TEC Services

Duncan McInnes - KCC

2 Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes agreed.

3 Quarry Up-date

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon advised that at present there are no outstanding issues to be complied with.

c) Future work load – There are no large contracts planned in the immediate future.

d) Quarry Development – Due to the slow down in works there had been little progress on the quarry development front. There has been no blasting since the last liaison meeting and the next blast is not due till later in the year. Note from previous minutes that an additional blast monitor would be placed Russell Leaper's neighbour property

4 Review of complaints rec'd:

Ongoing concern re adherence to the Code of Practice in particular with regard to speed of vehicles and the Companies monitoring of the code of practice.

ACTION – ET to liaise with Highland Council Roads Engineer to investigate possible additional measures to control speed on the access road. ET to speak to the police for further advice re control of vehicles on the public road. ET to review internal procedures.

Barbara raised the point that a neighbour had contacted her re concerns over dust escaping over the boundary of the site 2/3 months previous and wondered if we had received any notification. This with noted and that the Company was not aware of the concern.

ACTION – ET to contact SEPA to discuss

5 Comments from the Community

No further comments to add

6 Comments from Highland Council:

No Comments to add

7 AOB:

A query was raised over the Company's intention of the land owned by the Company adjacent to the rugby field. Bob Gordon advised that the land is still under the control of the Company and that there was no intention of selling the land presently.

A query was raised looking for assurance that due to the Company ownership changes that all agreements re the quarry operation were not lost. Bob Gordon assured the group that it was business as usual and any agreements are still in place.

In Russell Leaper's absence Russell advised that he had struggled to get a key for the notice board in Banavie to post the minutes of the liaison meeting.

ACTION – Bob Gordon to contact Duncan McInnis for advice.

Stephen Fair advised that there was still no Community Council had been reformed as yet

8 Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 9th June 2009 - 6.00pm at Banavie Quarry