

## **Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011, Banavie Quarry – 4.00pm**

### **Attendees –**

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

Ronnie Maclean – Resident

Gerald McIntyre – Resident

Russell Leaper – Resident

Susan Poole – Highland Council, Planning Department

Mark Crowe - Highland Council, TEC Services

Colin Morison - Ennstone Thistle - Regional Production Manager

Andy Sutherland – Ennstone Thistle – Quarry Supervisor

### **1 Apologies -**

Neil Forbes – Ennstone Thistle – Regional Director

Councillor Bill Clark

### **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.

b) Transport Code of Practice – There was general comment that the COP was being flaunted more regularly than was acceptable. It was agreed that the Company would reinvigorate their COP within the Company and to external operators, by way of tool box talks and correspondence. Also concern that queries were not being responded to and this raised the concern that it was unsure if any actions had been taken. This to be rectified by staff.

Bob Gordon confirmed that the road markings on the road entrance up to the quarry had been redone as per planning condition 5 of the planning consent..

c) Quarry Development – Colin Morrison advised that the mobile crushing team were not due back to the quarry until the Easter holiday time. This would also coincide with a blast that will take place just prior the mobile crushing commencing.

d) Future work load – Bob Gordon advised that the Company was expecting a request from Scotland Transerve for some night shift operations in early April but had no firm details as yet. This would be advised to the Group as soon as information became available. It was noted that the previous night shift operations last year had some minor issues that although were resolved at the time it would hope would not be repeated.

Additional works in the area that were of note was the development at Blar Mhor, which once approved, would generate nearly a year's worth of materials from Banavie, if supply of materials accepted. These works would be carried out during normal working hours.

The Highland Council have a number of Capital Works schemes ongoing while also receiving additional funding from the Scottish Executive for road repairs in the area, again these had no significant impact on the quarry supplies.

#### **4 Review of complaints rec'd:**

There is still an ongoing concern over the Council road sweeper driver the Company hires on a weekly basis on their effectiveness to clean the road access and surrounding area efficiently. Mark Crowe to investigate.

#### **5 Comments from the Community**

Russell advised that the Community Council, it was hoped, would be resurrected again and hopefully a representative would be able to attend the meetings in future.

#### **6 Comments from Highland Council:**

It was suggested that an invitation be given to a Scotland Transerve representative to attend the next liaison meeting to discuss the requirement of night shift operations for the supply of asphalt to the Trunk Road network.

#### **7 AOB:**

Confirmation that the next blast at the quarry would be some time in Easter.

The Company that carried out the hydromulching of the quarry faces would be returning in the spring to ascertain as to how successful it has been.

**8 Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - 4.00pm at Banavie Quarry