

Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group

Minutes of meeting held in War Memorial hall supper room on 25 January 2018 at 6pm

Present:

Residents: Carolyn Jolley (CJ), Denis Harnett (DH), Paul David (PD), Max Lutz, FOTOR (ML), Janet Macdonald (JM)

GBC Winstone: Ashton Ulu (AU), Nicholas Weekes (NW)

KCDC: Paul Busing (PB)

GWRC: Claire Baldwin (CB), Colin Munn (CM)

Facilitator and minute scribe: Di Buchan (DB)

Apologies: Shelly Warwick, Andreas Paxie (AP), Douglas Nel, Dan McGregor

Minutes of meeting held on 14 September 2017

Confirmed

An email from Andreas Paxie to DB was tabled. It set out a list of items AP wished to have addressed in the meeting. These items were addressed by the appropriate party while speaking to their reports.

GBC Winstone Progress Report

1. **Bund:** As per brief written report provided by NW, the completion of the bund and the construction of a ramp over the bund for access purposes was approved by KCDC on the basis that a temporary bund was acceptable on a paper road provided reasonable access could be provided. The bund is being mulched to control the dust but will not be grassed until the rains start.
2. **Extraction in Area 1B:** Winstone is still waiting for information from the PP20 team as to how much aggregate will be required from the Otaki quarry. Until they have that information they don't know when excavation of 1B will start.
3. **Pest control:** NW stated that the GBC Winstone contractor has reported that the possums are now down to manageable levels, comparable with the surrounding area. Pukeko and hares are currently a major problem for new plantings. PD suggested a product to control these and NW agreed to contact PD outside of the meeting to get the details.
4. **Water monitoring:** Eurofins (water monitoring contractors) have completed the water testing, Dan McGregor will be posting up the results on the website. (CB on behalf of GWRC discussed the results later in the meeting).
5. **Dust complaints:** dust problems were reported to GWRC on 20 and 21 December. The water truck at the quarry was not functioning but that problem was able to be sorted out the next day. A further complaint was made on 3 January but this was not related to a property belonging to Winstone.
6. **Extraction volumes:** to date a total of 87,327 cu metres from area 1A.
7. **Reporting on SMP:** AP had noted the need for a reporting timetable from GBC Winstone which sets out when the annual reviews detailed in the Site Management Plan (SMP) are expected to be provided. He suggested the timetable be published on the Ashford Park website. It was agreed that DB should follow this up with Dan McGregor

8. **Rehabilitation of existing lake:** By mid-February it is proposed to strip the topsoil from area 1B. GBC Winstone has requested Fletchers to relinquish this material to Winstone for the purposes of restoration of the quarry site. It will be stockpiled on-site until needed. A planting site has been prepared for next year. FOTOR have been working on this with GWRC (Graeme Winterburn) and Winstone (Dan McGregor). It was noted that the consent conditions require the topsoil to stay on the Winstone site and so to use some of this soil for FOTOR riverside planting will require a variation of the consent (S127 RMA).

It was agreed that Andrea Cave (Winstone) and Richard Rakoric (KCDC) should sort out what is needed to enable the use of the topsoil to be changed. ML will provide PB with an estimate of how much soil FOTOR would require for the 2018-19 planting. (ML suggested this would be between 1,000 and 2,000 cu metres).

PB will talk to KCDC planning team about the best process to use to amend the Commissioner's decision and report back. He suggested it would be helpful if KCDC were provided with an indication of the CLG's position on this matter. A motion was subsequently put (ML / JM) and carried unanimously.

"That the CLG supports in principle the use of topsoil from the Ashford Park Quarry and the PP2O sites for community plantings aimed at rehabilitating the existing lake area and for plantings along the Otaki river undertaken by FOTOR."

9. **Status of paper road:** CM reported that he and Dan McGregor are liaising on this (both having only recently returned from summer holidays). Dan will be preparing a report on the matter.

KCDC Compliance Report

Compliance report had been pre-circulated. Two matters were discussed in more detail:

1. Quarry Noise

At the previous meeting PB acknowledged that the noise levels in the SW corner of site 1B would be very close to the limit set in the condition with little margin for error. This would be especially so if a gap was left in the bund. This gap has now been filled but this did not guarantee that noise would never be a constraint on quarry operations in the future. He pointed out that the conditions of consent stipulate the noise standards to be met at the boundary and this would always be the determinant of where quarrying can take place on the site.

2. Motocross vehicles on the walkway

Complaints had been made about the noise generated by these vehicles on the walkway and also the danger they posed to walkers and others using the walkway. The walkway is not intended for motorised vehicles. CJ reported that she and NW are working on an engineering solution to prevent these vehicles gaining access to the walkway.

GWRC Report

GWRC had responded in writing to a series of queries from AP. This correspondence was not circulated to other members of the CLG but CB summarised the information provided to AP to the group.

Water quality monitoring

CB reported verbally that GWRC has revised the water quality monitoring consents, new conditions have been added and the conditions are stricter. GWRC scientists have approved the new sampling plan. Quarterly monitoring will be undertaken at the extractive pond and at the bore to see if there is any connection between the two sites. The new conditions and the monitoring results will be uploaded to the Ashford Park website.

Should the ecoli reading at any time be greater than the level set for recreational water quality (>260cfu/100mL), GBC Winstone will be required to alert GWRC within 48 hours and to investigate the cause. (Likely causes are excessive rain or stock access.) A report on the results of their investigation must be provided to GWRC within one month. CB noted that current readings are well below the maximum set for recreational use.

GBC Winstone will now be required to submit to GWRC a summary of the water quality monitoring results and the trend over the past years (trends will take a year or two to show). This report will be required in November each year along with the gravel extraction report already required as part of the consent conditions.

The SMP will need to be updated to reflect the new conditions. DB to advise Dan McGregor of this.

Departure of Nick Weekes

NW announced that he would be leaving GBC Winstone in mid-March and his replacement is yet to be decided. In the meantime Ashton Ulu would be taking over his role and would be the liaison person for the CLG.

The CLG members wished Nick well in his future plans and thanked him for his input to the CLG. We look forward to working with Ashton at the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next CLG meeting will be held on **Thursday 17 May 2018 at 6pm at** the Otaki War Memorial Hall supper room. DB to organise the booking.

A Compliance report from KCDC and a Progress Report from GBC Winstone to be provided to DB by 10 May for circulation to members.

To be circulated (through Di) as soon as available rather than waiting for next meeting:

- i. KCDC to report on process required to alter consent conditions regarding use of top-soil.
- ii. Dan McGregor to confirm that the latest water testing results have been posted up on the Ashford Park website and that there is now a protocol in place to make sure this is a standard procedure.
- iii. Dan McGregor to provide reporting timetable for conditions set out in SMP and confirm the timetable has been posted on Ashford Park site
- iv. Dan McGregor to provide report on outcome of discussion with GWRC on the future of the paper road