

Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group

Minutes of meeting held in War Memorial hall supper room on 17 May 2018 at 6pm

Present:

Residents: Derek Kelly (DK), Campbell Andrews (CA), Carolyn Jolley (CJ), Denis Harnett (DH), Tiana Morgans (TM), Shelly Warwick (SW), Max Lutz FOTOR (ML), Janet Macdonald (JM)

GBC Winstone: Wiremu Adams (WA), Mike Finch (MF), Josua Grobler (JG)

KCDC: Paul Busing (PB)

GWRC: Colin Munn (CM)

Facilitator and minute scribe: Di Buchan

Apologies:, Andreas Paxie, Paul David, Claire Baldwin

Minutes of meeting held on 25 January 2017

Subject to correction in item 8 "Rehabilitation of existing lake" where Richard Rakoric should be cited as employed by the PP2O project not KCDC, the minutes were confirmed.

Introduction of the new quarry managers

Josua, Mike and Wiremu introduced themselves and outlined their background in the quarry industry. Josua is replacing Nick, Mike is replacing Ashton and as an employee for many years at the Otaki quarry, Wiremu will be in a position to assist the new managers with background information as development proceeds.

Discussion items submitted by Andreas Paxie

AP submitted comments on the rehabilitation plan, the paper road, recent jet boating on the lake and concern about the frequency of GBC Winstone staff changes. These items were all dealt with in discussions on the GBC Winstone Progress Report and the KCDC Compliance Report.

Matters Discussed

1. **Extraction timeframes:** DH raised concern about Winstone's intention to incorporate area 1B into Stage 4 as conditions for each of those areas differed. JG undertook to look into that. He has yet to familiarise himself with the conditions applying to the various consent. JG noted that the requirements of the PP2O project were not yet clear and so at this stage it is not possible to determine the timeframes for completion of extraction from 1A and commencement of 1B.
2. **Paper Road:** Nicky Holden, KCDC Corporate Property Manager, had provided a note to the meeting advising that she had received an application from Winstone and GWRC to stop the road but there was information missing. Once that is provided the process will start. Immediate neighbours will be advised, a report will be prepared for the council seeking approval to commence the closure and there will be public consultation on the proposal. PB advised it was a long process that would take at least a year.

3. **Site Management Plan:** The updated plan was to be completed at the end of January. PB confirmed he has received a copy at that time and it should have been sent out to members and posted on the Winstone website. PB undertook to email it out to CLG members and JG undertook to ensure it was posted up on the website.
4. **Eastern Walkway car parking:** TM noted that use of the walkway was increasing significantly and so were the number of cars parked at the Te Roto Road entrance. She enquired about plans to provide a mud-free area at the entry to the walkway for cars to park as discussed at several previous meetings. It was suggested that with the proposed removal of the house previously occupied by Mr Calyton-Gray, it may be possible to develop this site as a car-park. JG undertook to look into this possibility. TM thought that even if this was done, there would still be a need for a properly surfaced area on the roadside. JG undertook to check this out and report to the next meeting.

5. **Rehabilitation Plan:**

PB advised that he was still awaiting comments from KCDC's Biodiversity officer on the draft plan.

SW noted the importance of retaining visual links between lakes and the planting plans needed to be designed for that.

The Rehab Plan will not be enacted until extraction in area 1A is completed and the paper road has been sorted so it is at least a year away.

In the meantime, PB will be working through the plan with the council's ecologist and planners to ensure that the technical requirements do not breach the consent conditions (e.g. condition 48). If the development as proposed would require a deviation from one or more of the conditions, PB will bring these back to the CLG to discuss whether the changes can be made by simple agreement or whether a formal process should be required to obtain consent to a deviation from the conditions.

There was a great deal of discussion about the future use and ownership of the area. It was stated that at the resource consent hearing, GB Winstone had promoted the future lakes as a community asset but there is no commitment from them to hand the area over to the community once quarrying is completed.

PB said that the public can make submissions to the Council requesting that the lakes and surrounds be acquired as a community asset.

JG confirmed that excavation of the old lake area has been completed and GBC Winstone has responsibility for restoration of the area.

TM stated that the canoe polo site was in the worst state and this should be restored as a priority. JG and WA undertook to look into what could be done to tidy this area up.

Winstones with support from FOTOR are undertaking a planting session on 30 May to screen out the Stresscrete site. 2,000 trees will be planted.

CLG response to the Draft Rehabilitation Plan to be conveyed to KCDC

- i. Upon completion of the quarry operations, the CLG would like the lakes area to be returned to the community to be used as a public recreational asset.
- ii. To facilitate recreational use of the site, provision for access and recreational facilities should be included in the plan.
- iii. The plan should include provisions for the linking of the two lakes both aesthetically and visually.
- iv. The plan should include information on the staging of the extraction process and the rehabilitation work.
- v. A time limit for the completion of the rehabilitation after quarrying operations cease should be stated in the plan.
- vi. The development should ensure there are open spaces where planting is excluded to ensure that views are retained across the lakes.
- vii. The plan should include consideration of the New Zealand Water Safety Councils requirements for recreational areas.

Next meeting

The next CLG meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21 August 2018 at 6pm** at the Otaki War Memorial Hall supper room. DB to organise the booking.

Nicky Holden, KCDC Corporate Property Manager, to be invited to discuss options for the paper road.
JG to report on the carparking area for the walkway
Progress with the rehabilitation plan will be the main item for discussion.

A Compliance report from KCDC and a Progress Report from GBC Winstone to be provided to DB by 14 August for circulation to members.