

**Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group**  
**Minutes of meeting held in War Memorial hall supper room on 15 November 2018 at 6pm**

**Present:**

Residents: Janet Macdonald (JM), Campbell Andrews (CA), Carolyn Jolley (CJ), Denis Harnett (DH), Andreas Paxie (AP), Tiana Morgans (TM), Mike and Barbara Francis,

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

KCDC: Paul Busing (PB), Chris Papps (CP)

GWRC: Colin Munn (CM)

Facilitator and minute scribe: Di Buchan

**Apologies:** Shelly Warwick, Max Lutz FOTOR, Bev Norris, Matt George (new Winstone Quarry Manager appointed to replace Douglas Nell)

**Welcome to new members:** Mike and Barbara Francis have recently purchased a home in Te Roto Rd. They were welcomed to the group and Di undertook to provide them with copies of the documents supplied for the current meeting plus a copy of the consent conditions.

**Minutes of meeting held on 17 May 2018**

The minutes were confirmed.

**Matters Discussed**

**1. Proposal to expand extraction into area:**

JG had pre-circulated a proposal for the next stage of extraction. This involved moving into area 1B while leaving about one hectare at the northern end (names 1B2) untouched until the final stage of the quarrying when it was hoped the paper road closure had been sorted. Once the south portion of 1B was extracted it was proposed the company would move into the Stage 2 area working from east to west until completed.

CA raised concerns about the proximity of the quarrying operation in 1B to the eastern walkway and the danger this posed particularly for children. This danger would be increased when the quarried area filled with water.

PB pointed out that it was not a concern of the Council's how GBC Winston's managed public use of this walkway. It is not a council walkway but was constructed as an agreed condition of consent to compensate for the closure and possible relocation of the paper road. It is GBC Winstone's responsibility to manage the risks associated with a public walkway through a quarry site.

AP said that as the adjoining resident he would prefer that the whole of 1B be extracted at the same time rather than coming back for a second bite. It was acknowledged that a second bite would still be necessary to a more limited extent as paper road running through this site would have to be left untouched and quarried later. In the meantime, should all of 1B be quarried at the same time, the machinery would have to cross the paper road and the bunds would have to be amended to accommodate this.

The relocation of the paper road is tied up with the yet undecided location and connections for a shared walkway associated with the new bridge. NZTA, the Otaki Community Board and KCDC are currently meeting to work out the best solution. It is hoped that this will be decided prior to the Christmas break.

After a great deal of discussion it was agreed;

1.1 That the whole of area 1B should be quarried at the same time even though this will mean that the area of the existing paper road will have to remain running through it, the machinery will have to cross the paper road and this will require some reconstruction of the bund, and the restoration work in this area will have to be redone once the paper-road is finally quarried.

JG said he thought this was do-able but he will need to get the approval of Matt George, the new manager, to this agreement.

During this discussion, frustration was expressed that the plans being provided by Winstones are inconsistent with the boundaries for the various quarrying area agreed in the Hearing and contained in the consent conditions. This matter has been raised twice before.

1.2 JG will prepare a traffic management plan to be submitted to Councils roading department and details of the approved traffic management plan will be circulated before the next meeting. This plan is to be put in place before any excavation of area 1B2 begins.

1.3 KCDC is responsible for ensuring conditions are complied with and so PB undertook to raise with Dan McGregor, environmental manager in Winstone's Auckland office the need for plans to match the boundaries set in the conditions of consent.

## **2. House Demolition**

JG reported that the demolition of the house formally occupied by Clayton Bray has been delayed due to delays in the contractor completing the report on asbestos issues.

## **3. Ashford Park Maintenance Report**

This seems to have been lost in Di's system and so not circulated. JG will resend to Di for circulation.

## **4. Eastern Walkway**

There was much discussion about the need to make adequate provision for the traffic associated with the use of the walkway which is proving to be very popular causing problems at the end of Te Roto Road. CA's fence has been damaged several times by cars, the parking area on the berm is not fit for purpose (no hard surface) and is too small to accommodate the number of cars parking there. As a result, parked cars are being damaged and local residents are experiencing access problems to their properties.

Concerns were raised in regards to the lack of space for large vehicles [rubbish trucks] to turn at the end of Te Roto Road. PB noted that he would raise the matter with the roading team to see if there is anything that can be done.

People walking dogs and not removing their dog's excrement is also becoming a significant

problem for the mowers and for walkers.

It was noted that these problems will only get worse when the walkway associated with the new bridge is opened.

It was agreed:

4.1 CJ and JG will look into getting a security camera installed at the gate at Winstone's expense, to monitor the number of cars using the area. This will also serve to provide more accurate data for the NZTA consultants preparing the reports on the bridge shared pathway.

4.2 CA requested that GBCWinstone replace his damaged fence. JG agreed to meet with CA onsite to discuss how best to fix the situation.

4.3 JG will investigate how best to provide an off-road parking area for cars associated with walkway users and prepare a plan of what is proposed and a time by which the work will be done. It was suggested that in the meantime, the fence and one or two trees could be removed so that cars could park on the grass space inside the Winstone property during the summer holiday period.

4.4 PB will look into signage and provision of a doggy-doo container to encourage dog owners to take care of their pet's excrement.

## **5. Maintenance of bund**

AP raised the maintenance of the bund in terms of grass and weed growth. This has been a major issue in the past but more recently was being well maintained. With the spring growth the weeds are taking over and maintenance needs to be more frequent.

It was agreed:

5.1 MF will increase the bund maintenance regime.

5.2 PB accepted that this was a compliance matter and so will look into increasing the council's compliance monitoring (at present carried out quarterly).

## **6. Rehabilitation Plans**

The Ashford Park Stage 1 Rehabilitation Plan and the Ecological Islands Plan, October 2018 had been pre-circulated to members. PB noted that KCDC needs to sign off on these before GBC Winstones can start work on the Stage 2 area. PB reported that the Council's Biodiversity Officer had checked the plans against the consent conditions and confirmed that they complied. PB also noted that all the comments provided by the CLG group at the last meeting had been incorporated into the Plans.

The group had nothing further to add other than agree the importance of monitoring throughout the process to ensure that the implementation was carried out in accordance with the agreed Plans.

## **Next meeting**

The next CLG meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 6pm** at the Otaki War Memorial Hall supper room. DB to organise the hall booking.

NOTE THE CHANGE FROM THE DATE AGREED AT THE MEETING, ROOM NOT AVAILABLE ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup>.

- JG to report on the car-parking area for the walkway
- Progress with decisions on the shared walkway across the new bridge and the implications for the eastern walkway around the Ashford Park quarry and the paper road.

**A Compliance report from KCDC and a Progress Report from GBC Winstone to be provided to Di by 21 February for circulation to members.**