

Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group

Minutes of meeting held in Otaki War Memorial Hall supper room on 15 August 2019 at 6pm

Present:

Residents: Janet Macdonald (JM), Shelly Warwick (SW), Max Lutz (FOTOR and CWB), Bev Norris (BN), Barbara Francis (BF), Mike Francis (MF)

Winstone Aggregates: Matt George, Regional Manager (MG), Wiremu Adams (WA)

KCDC: Paul Busing (PB),

GWRC: Colin Munn (CM)

Chair and minute scribe: Di Buchan (DB)

Apologies: Campbell Andrews (CA), Denis Harnett (DH), Andreas Paxie (AP), Chris Papps (CP)

Minutes of meeting held on 2 April 2019

The minutes were confirmed.

1. Matters arising

1.1 New quarry manager to replace Josua Grobler

MG reported the new manager has not yet been appointed. A short-list of applicants has been compiled and he is hoping the new manager will be in place before Christmas.

1.2 Demolition of the house formerly occupied by Ian Clayton-Bray has not yet been carried out.

Asbestos report completed as well as estimates for the cost of house removal. Work will need to be undertaken with great care to avoid asbestos contamination of the site when the house is mobilised. Date for removal not yet finalised. Likely to be next year. BN asked whether the asbestos stability could be affected by rain getting into the building or by the tree that was growing through the building. MG noted her concerns and said he would mention them to Fletchers who were in charge of the removal. He was confident they would manage the situation well.

1.3 Signage for dog owners using the Eastern walkway. This is not yet in place – awaiting new sign design.

2. Winstones' Progress Report and KCDC's compliance report

The two reports had been pre-circulated and the subjects raised in each overlapped. Also, CA and AP who could not be present at the meeting, had raised concerns which they had forwarded to the Chair to raise at the meeting. These were discussed under the relevant subject. The discussions and decisions in relation to both reports and the forwarded comments are combined according to topic.

2.1 Accumulation of Topsoil

PB noted that the excavations had uncovered a much greater volume of topsoil than had been expected. Winstones had estimated how much would be required on the site for rehabilitation purposes and had allowed a 50% contingency. Even with this generous allowance, some will still need to be relocated off site.

In response to concerns raised by AP about the height and management of the stockpiles, MG reported that the stockpile in the middle of the site had been reduced by 2 metres although the pile had been within the height specified in the conditions (5 metres). The Area 2 bund had also been reduced after surveys undertaken by Winstones found that it was above the allowable height. The surplus is being used for rehabilitation on Ashford Park stage 1A and the Otaki Main Lake southern shore ahead of schedule. This will screen the quarry and Stresscrete operations from the future lakeside recreation area.

PB noted that the stage 2 bund is probably in the best place it could be and is the best use for the surplus topsoil from the Area 2 bund. He does not believe that its location will create adverse environmental effects. CM confirmed that GWRC has checked and found that the bund will not have adverse effects on the Regional Council's flood defences.

The rehabilitation of the Otaki Lake will continue during the next financial year and will require a significant amount of overburden and topsoil. Once this work is completed, MG will get a survey done of what is left. MG confirmed that the bunds and the remaining stockpiles will be shaped and reseeded in accordance with Condition 22 (g)

ML confirmed that FOTOR would welcome some of the surplus for the latest three sites that have been planted up by FOTOR. MG and ML will work together to decide the volume of topsoil to be provided for each area.

ML thanked Winstones for their generosity in accommodating and providing for the community groups who were using the lake area and for their support to other groups in the community, in particular FOTOR.

2.2 Site rehabilitation

In addition to the above information, MG reported that the rehabilitation work in Stage 1A was a year ahead of schedule, something he was very pleased about. He anticipated that the continuation of the planting of areas 1A and 1B would be completed by the end of June next year. The landscape design work is being undertaken by Sweeney and The Greenery, based in Manakau, was providing the plants and carrying out the planting work.

2.3 Paper Road

At the previous meeting in April, Josh Grobler had agreed to provide AP with a copy of the Lucas Survey's survey of the paper road that passes through the Ashford Park area. MG advised that he had enquired about these drawings and found that none had been drafted. Rather, Lucas Surveys had just placed survey pegs along the length of the road in accordance with the original plan which had been circulated to members.

Once again it was reiterated by CM and PB that the paper road will be part of the walkway network discussions once the new bridge was completed. SW thought that an application was being submitted to the Provincial Growth Fund to finance the proposed shared cycleway, walkway, bridleway network. CM said this was not something the Fund would consider as the Fund only deals with fully-developed proposals complete with budgets and the shared accessway was not at that stage.

In discussing the use of the paper road the number of truck crossings was raised. PB confirmed that the Health and Safety Paper Road Crossing Plan stipulated 50 truck crossings of the paper road per day (100

movements in total). MG said this was only just enough for their current level of operation but to increase the number, a variation of the plan would be required and since that was likely to be highly contentious, there was no intention on Winstones part to seek permission for an increase. [In PB's view, if more crossings are required in the future, all that would be required is an update of the plan to be signed off by KCDC as the road controlling authority.]

Condition 7 required the paper road to be fenced off from the extraction area at all times with a safe pedestrian crossing point. MG confirmed that the fencing has been completed to the stopbank leading to Chrystalls bend on Winstones' boundary. The fencing clearly shows where the paper road is located so walkers will not be confused about where they can and can't go.

2.4 Eastern Walkway Carpark

At the previous meeting in April it was agreed that a simple off-road parking area was the best solution to fix the congestion created by walkers parking their cars at the end of Te Roto Road, and to stop the berm being torn up by vehicles when the ground is soft. Josua Grobler undertook to get the necessary consent from KCDC to undertake this work and to get it completed before he took up his new appointment.

The work was finally done after Josua had left and it was not done in accordance with the design agreed at the meeting and in a subsequent on-site meeting with residents. (The agreement included moving the fence into the Ashford property). The parking area has also failed KCDC's compaction tests. CA had asked for this matter to be raised at the meeting as without the fence being relocated, the area is too small for trucks to turn and as a result CA's fence has been damaged by turning trucks.

BN noted that some of the residents put their rubbish bins on the carpark area which made it difficult for trucks to turn whilst avoiding the bins. She agreed it was not acceptable for trucks to damage fences but thought that if residents stopped putting their bins in the turning area, trucks would have more room to manoeuvre which might help the situation.

MG said that the carpark design had been the result of a miscommunication and that he would meet with CA to find out what was agreed with Josua. He will then put together a plan of what is agreed with CA and send it to DB for circulation to the CLG members. The carpark will be redone accordingly.

2.5 Eastern Walkway

This walkway has been constructed on Winstones' property by Winstones and is not part of the KCDC cycleways, walkways, and bridleways (CWB) network. CA had asked for this matter to be raised at the meeting. He was of the view that the walkway needed to be formalised to ensure that it remained and was maintained throughout and after the quarry operation. He thought the walkway was below the council's standard for walkways and by formalising it and incorporating it in the CWB network, the standard would be improved. PB noted that Condition 6 of the consent stipulates that the walkway must be 3m wide, be fenced off, and must remain in place until the end of the rehabilitation works. The standard of the surface is not stipulated in the conditions.

CM noted that this walkway was a subset of a much bigger consideration of what happens to the whole property in the long term. The network that will be put in place after the construction of the new bridge is the subject of discussions between NZTA, GWRC, adjacent residents including CA, iwi, KCDC and, Winstones. NZTA has offered to provide leadership to this group as a way of progressing the realisation of the network. The aim was to have the network in place within the next two years.

ML who is chair of the CWB network committee, said in his view the Eastern Walkway was an important part of the CWB network and he undertook to talk to Stuart Kilmister at KCDC about the standard of the walkway and also to raise this at the meeting of the CWB the following week.

2.6 Iwi concerns and CLG representation

MG reported that an issue had occurred with the removal of topsoil without iwi oversight as required in the conditions of consent. MG and WA were working with Caleb Royal as the iwi representative on environmental matters, to resolve the situation and regain the trust of the local iwi. MG and WA were meeting with Caleb the following week on site.

DB noted that Caleb had been nominated as the iwi representative on the CLG but had not yet attended any of the CLG meetings although he did receive minutes and agendas.

MG undertook to check with Caleb whether he is concerned about the lack of iwi representation on the CLG. It was suggested that if Caleb didn't have the time to attend, some other member of the iwi could take this position.

Next Meeting

That being all the business to be discussed, the Chair thanked the members for their attendance and constructive interactions and the date for the next meeting was agreed.

The date for the next meeting was set **for 13 February 2020 at 6pm at the Otaki War Memorial Hall** supper room. DB to organise the hall booking.

A Compliance report from KCDC and a Progress Report from GBC Winstone to be provided to Di by 7 February for circulation to members.