

Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group

Minutes of meeting held in Otaki Racecourse meeting room on 16 August 2016 at 6pm

Present:

Residents: Denis Harnett (DH), Paul David (PD), John and Judith Isaac (JI), Campbell Andrews (CA), Janet Macdonald (JM), Andy Fraser (AF), Andreas Paxie (AP), Derek Kelly (DK)

Otaki Maori Racing Club: Darin Balcombe (DB), Doug Logan (DL)

Friends of the Otaki River: Max Lutz (ML)

GBH Winstone: Dan McGregor (DM), Shane Hagai (SH)

KCDC: Richard Hopkins (RH)

GWRC: Colin Munn (CM)

Facilitator and minute scribe: Di Buchan (F)

Apologies:

Caleb Royal, (Nga Hapu o Otaki), Rob Kofoed (Otaki Community Board), Trevor Wylie (Friends of the Otaki River), Slade Henare and Josephine Sturmey (residents)

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Confirmed

Update from GBHWinstone

An out of date progress report had been circulated with the agenda. F. requested that in future, Winstones should ensure their report is comprehensive, up-to-date and forwarded to F for inclusion with the agenda one week before the meeting. SH and DM agreed to comply with this.

Matters raised in circulated report and by those present at meeting

Eastern Walkway: Extraction can start when the Eastern Walkway is completed. To complete the walkway, some trees planted in the wrong place will be moved and stumps dug out; some areas that are soft and muddy will be gravelled. The walkway will be mowed. It is not intended that the walkway will be used as a bridleway (i.e. open to horses). Some residents questioned this, especially since horses are able to use the paper road which may, as part of this process be closed.

Fencing: This is now completed apart from a small section needing to be left open to provide GWRC with access. When the regional council is finished their work they will complete the fence. Winstone reps accepted that the fence along the Paxie's boundary needs significant upgrading. SH reported that a qualified builder is being employed to redo the fence and undertook to let AP know when this work will be done.

Planting: Winstone reps agreed that the tree planning had not been done in accordance with the plan. The shelter belt along the Paxie's boundary will be redone to provide the third row of trees and ensure that trees were planted in such a way that there would be no gaps in the shelter belt when the hedge had become established.

Site Management Plan: Residents noted that the Plan was short on times when actions were to be carried out or completed. There was also concern that actions were not always undertaken in accordance with undertakings set out in the plan. The Winstone reps agreed to make sure that conditions in the supplier's contracts were adhered to, and that activities were carried out in accordance with the site management plan.

The Winstone reps made a commitment to implement the site management plan in accordance with the agreed conditions unless there were factors outside their control which affected aspects such as timing (e.g. weather conditions). It was agreed that convenience for Winstone's was not an acceptable reason to change the agreements set out in the site management plan.

Noise: The noise bund is complete and will be seeded by the end of August

Signage: (At gate and along walkway) is completed. It was suggested that Winstones look into have the walkway signs also in Maori. Shane agreed to consult with Caleb about this.

Stop-bank Crossing: this is now complete and GWRC is working with Winstones on a solution to the management of quarry traffic which will ensure the safety of members of the public when they are crossing the stop-bank.

Pest Management Plan: the plan is being amended in response to comments from the CLG and once completed, will be submitted to KCDC for certification.

The chickens have been a significant problem exacerbated by the inability to gain access to one property that is still tenanted. The Winstone reps confirmed the chicken's will be blitzed when this property is vacated at the end of August.

AP requested that if firearms are to be used, residents need to be forewarned and that competent, knowledgeable people need to be employed for this work. SH undertook to ensure this was done.

Annual Plan: this was suggested by CM to flag what activities are coming up over the next 12 months and their likely timing. DM will send out a draft for comment by mid-September. The Plan is to include:

- Rehabilitation,
- site development,
- on-site activities on existing quarry and new site,
- maintenance and construction activities and
- pest management.
- The Plan will also comment on how the quarry site will eventually fit in to KCDC's Amenity Review.

It was agreed that the Plan should be short, focused, in simple (non-technical) language and structured in a way that makes it easy to find specific information.

Site rehabilitation: DM reported that Winstones intend to give some priority to the rehabilitation of the existing quarry rather than leave it until the new area is in operation. Resident's supported this and emphasised that this would be good PR for Winstones and a way to get buy-in to the project from local residents.

Water quality in lake: residents enquired about the quality of water that would be in the lake. GWRC, KCDC and Winstones are investigating the way sediment is likely to settle in the lake and they are also looking at options for enhancing water quality and for possible activities which the lake

could be used for. The KCDC Amenities Review will provide opportunities for public input into these discussions.

RH agreed to find out how the consultation on the quarry lakes will be included in the review and what timing is intended for the Review.

Possible soil contamination: DH reported on a possible indication of soil contamination from fuel which he and AP had found near AP's boundary. This had been investigated by Winstones and KCDC. It has been attributed to iron enrichment in the soil. RH agreed to provide some information explaining this phenomenon to be circulated to the CLG. AP confirmed that he was pleased with the way Winstones had responded to this matter.

Compliance Report KCDC

RH circulated his report at the meeting. F. requested that in future, RH should ensure this report is forwarded to F. for inclusion with the agenda one week before the meeting. RH agreed to comply with this request.

The report covered topics already canvassed in the earlier discussion including fencing and the walkway.

Water quality (condition 61): KCDC has sought technical advice on how best to meet this requirement and I working with GWRC on this matter. RH will report on the outcome at the next meeting.

Noise complaints: no complaints have been received by council for the period.

This report is to be attached to the minutes so that those unable to attend the meeting receive a copy. This should not be necessary in future as the report will be available to go out with the agenda.

Other Business:

Paper Road:

DM agreed that as a legal road, people have the right to use this road as an accessway. Winstones do not want to stop the whole road – only a part of it. There is no legal process to move a paper road. The paper road is stopped using a legal process and then in a separate process a new road can be applied for. To close the paper road in its entirety or in part, Winstones will need to apply to KCDC. The Council would then advertise the application and there would be a public hearing with submissions.

Winstones recognise that for the public to be able to use the paper road their fencing would need to be improved and the gates removed. Winstones consider that the construction of the Eastern Walkway to provide an alternative accessway is a better option. However, residents pointed out that horses can use the paper road but Winstones were proposing to exclude horses from the Eastern Walkway.

It was agreed that KCDC, as part of the Amenities Review, should work with horse owners to see if a bridleway could be included in the Eastern Walkway and if not, whether the paper road could be converted to a bridleway. RH to pass this information on to the KCDC staff concerned.

DM left the meeting to catch a return flight to Auckland.

Weather station

Residents questioned whether the weather station which was a condition of consent was required to operate during the extraction phase in addition to the construction period. SH undertook to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

Changes in representation at future meetings

Dan McGregor, Winstones, will not attend future meetings as the resource consent aspects are now bedded down. Shane Hagai and Douglas Nel as site managers will attend all future meetings.

Daryl Balcombe will not be attending future meetings as the rep for Otaki Racing Inc. as he is leaving to take up a new job. He will be replaced by Alasdair Robertson, CEO of the Maori Racing Club

Thanks to Dan and Daryl for their contributions to the CLG to date.

Next meeting:

6pm, 27 September 2016, at Otaki Racing Club rooms

Winstones Progress report and KCDC compliance report to be comprehensive and up-to-date and sent to facilitator one week prior to be distributed with agenda.