

Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group

Minutes of meeting held in Otaki Racecourse meeting room on 29 November 2016 at 6pm

Present:

Residents: Janet Macdonald (JM), Andreas Paxie (AP), Judith Isaac (JI), Robert Lindsay (RL), Adele Souster (AS), Paul David (PD).

Friends of the Otaki River: Max Lutz (ML) Trevor Wylie (TW)

GBH Winstone: Shane Hagai (SH), Ashton Ulu, Nick Weekes (new quarry manager replacing Shane)

KCDC: Richard Hopkins (RH)

GWRC: Colin Munn (GWRC)

Facilitator and minute scribe: Di Buchan (F)

Apologies: Campbell Andrews, Tiana Morgans, Denis Harnett, Derek Kelly (residents), Douglas Nel (Winstones). Alasdair Robertson (Otaki Maori Racing Club),

Non-Attendees: Caleb Royal, (Nga Hapu o Otaki), Slade Sturmeay, Andy Fraser.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 27 September 2016

Confirmed

2. Matters Arising

- I. **Blackberry** has been sprayed but some has been missed. AP commented that the Blackberry was meant to be sprayed in September, but it appeared to be thriving rather than dying. In particular, the blackberry by the paper road and the noise bund. SH advised that no record was kept of what in particular had been sprayed or not sprayed. SH to follow up with contractor as to spray status and next activity.
- II. **Eradication of the chickens** is continuing – there are still a few running around. The tenant in one of the GBH Winstone's houses is refusing to move out and is holding up the eradication programme. Shane is hopeful that the tenant will leave by the end of the year.
- III. **Quarry lake** – SH reported that the lake was now changing back to blue without the need to employ the use of chemicals to desilt the water. RH reported that KCDC has been waiting to hear from GWRC about the potential uses of the lake. GWRC (CM) was unaware of this. The regional council was expecting the community to be involved in this decision as part of the Amenities Review. RH will pass that on to the staff at KCDC undertaking the Review
- IV. **Ground water sampling** – A tender process is underway with the intention of getting the base-line test done by the end of the year. The bore will be to a depth of 6.5m
- V. **Tree Planting** – SH reported that the planting and clean-up on the Paxie boundary had been delayed while the work on the noise bund was undertaken and then by the earthquake and flood. Following the flood it was too wet to plant. Planting had finally been done in last week.

AP noted that some of the trees along his boundary were browning and seemed to be dying after being straddled by diggers and dump trucks and if that is the case they will need to be replaced. Winstones will investigate and take remedial action if necessary.

- VI. **Otaki Racecourse Tip** – RH reported that this had been cleaned up and covered to a satisfactory standard.

3. Eastern walkway, paper road and potential bridleway

The paper road has now been surveyed. The road will be fenced along the side closest to the construction site from the end of the noise-bund to the stop-bank.

KCDC is still looking into the possible use of the paper road as a bridleway.

A letter was received from Tiana Morgans detailing the problems arising from horses using the walkway. This included churning up of the berm by horse-floats and trailers and the risk of horses being scared by the Morgans dogs which tend to bark at track users. It was agreed that since the gate is supposed to be locked and the entry point is only accessible by walkers and cyclists, this situation should not arise.

Winstones agreed to look into the benefit of erecting a “No Horses” sign at the entrance to reinforce this. They will consult with local iwi and the FOTOR before making a decision

KCDC is looking into how to make the surface of the berm at the entrance to the walkway more firm to stop the damage being done by vehicles parking on the berm.

4. Bund

Winstones have dug off all the mulch on the bund and re-seeded it with grass as per conditions of consent.

Winstones need to undertake repair work on the bund due to subsidence. This cannot proceed until the bund is “dry”. The bund will need to be resurveyed to ensure its structure still complies with the conditions of the resource consent.

Advance Landcare contractors are about to undertake the first mow of the bund and will also mow under the trees on the Eastern Walkway. AP noted that a weed-eater will be required for the growth around the Cypresses on his boundary as the weeds are larger than the trees.

5. Rehabilitation Plan

Boffa Miskell has been involved in the preparation of a draft plan for the initial rehabilitation of the lake area. This plan has been waiting for feedback from Nga Hapu O Otaki. That has now been received. Dan will send it to Di to circulate to CLG members for comment.

6. Quarry Excavation

RH reported that 5,000 cu m. had been removed from the quarry in the past month. It was noted that this information would be more understandable if the volumes of material taken from the site was reported in terms of truck loads. RH agreed to do this in future.

7. Departure of Shane Hagai

Shane is leaving at the end of 2016 to take over the management of another quarry. He apologised for the time it had been taking to get problems attended to and attributed that to the difficulties he had had with managing two quarries at the same time.

The members thanked Shane for his input saying he was honest and helpful and had done a good job in the circumstances ML thanked Shane on behalf of the Friends of the Otaki River for his contribution to the Friends group and the Otaki community.

8. Timeliness of Winstone's responses

AP and RH expressed concerns about the time it was taking Winstones to complete work within the timeframes set in the annual plan and to address issues raised at meetings. AP reported that on many occasions his emails were not responded to. AP was reluctant to agree to less frequent meetings because in his experience, Winstone's only got onto sorting out issues raised at meetings just prior to the next meeting.

NW undertook to do his best to get work completed on time and to respond to issues raised at CLG meetings in a timely fashion. He agreed that in the event he was unable to comply with agreed timeframes he would let RH and AP know and the reason for the delay.

Next meeting

In light of AP's concerns about the effect of having a longer time period between meetings it was agreed that the facilitator (F) would record a list of the tasks Winstone's had agreed to undertake and NW would aim to have these tasks completed by the second week in January 2017. NW will send a progress report to F on 17 January and this will be distributed to CLG members.

- a) If all the members are satisfied that sufficient progress has been made, the next meeting will be held at 6pm on **28 March 2017**.
- b) If the members are not satisfied at the progress made, the next meeting will be held at 6pm on **31 January 2017**.

Actions for Winstones to complete before 17 January

- Spray remaining blackberry
- Remove all chickens from property
- Undertake groundwater sampling at Paxie's boundary
- Check tree plantings on Paxie's boundary for die-off and replace as necessary
- Resurvey bunds and fix subsidence problem
- Meet with FOTOR and Nga Hapu O Te Otaki to discuss signage and need for sign at entrance stipulating "No Horses"
- Weed eat growth under Cypressess along Paxie's boundary