

Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group

Minutes of meeting held in Otaki Racecourse meeting room on 9 May 2017 at 6pm

Present:

Residents: Ian Clayton-Bray (IC), Janet Macdonald (JM), Bobbie Littlejohn (BL), Carolyn Jolley (CJ), Emily Watson (EM), Frans Joubert (FJ), Campbell Andrews (CA), Tiana Morgans (TM), Denis Harnett (DH), Derek Kelly (DK), Jude Isaac (JI), Carolyn Press-McKenzie (CM), Doug Logan (Otaki Maori Racing Club, DL), Andreas Paxie (AP), Trish Bolger (TB), Paul David (PD),

Otaki Community Board: Shelly Warwick (SW)

Friends of the Otaki River: Max Lutz (ML)

GBC Winstone: Ashton Ulu (AU), Nick Weekes (NW)

KCDC: Paul Busing (PB)

GWRC: Jeremy Rusbatch (JR), Claire Baldwin (CB)

Facilitator and minute scribe: Di Buchan (DB)

Apologies: Trevor Wylie, Colin Munn, Graeme Winterburn

1. Minutes of meeting held on 89 March 2017

Max Lutz noted that his suggestion that should E.coli contamination be found in the bores on Te Roto Road, that water be supplied to the residents relying on those bores.

Subject to that addition, minutes confirmed - Janet Macdonald/Paul David

2. Lateness of reports

DB noted that while it had been agreed at the first meeting that all reports for consideration at the meetings should be provided to DB one week before the meeting so that they could be circulated with the agenda and that participants would have time to read them before the meeting, both GWRC and KCDC had not provided their reports until the day before and for the second meeting in a row, GBC Winstones had not provided a formal report at all (although email correspondence had been forwarded and a report on the dust investigations had also been sent a day or two before the meeting.

All report providers submitted their apologies and undertook to make sure that in future, properly formatted reports would be provided in a timely manner. One factor in ensuring this could happen was to set realistic dates for meetings taking into account the time required to complete investigations and reports.

3. Findings of investigations into the GWRC consenting process for Ashford Park Quarry resource consent application

CB spoke to the pre-circulated report on the Council's investigation into the consenting process. It was noted that the report was only pre-circulated the day of the meeting and did not give members enough time to understand and digest the report. It was agreed that at the next meeting this report would be discussed again. JR and CB presented a summary of the findings which were:

The officer's report considering the effects on groundwater quality was limited to the effects of sediment and did not include the potential for contamination from other sources. It recommended that a fuller assessment be undertaken. This should cover:

- The potential sources for groundwater contamination not assessed by GWRC in their decision;

- A review of Dr McConchie's assessment that was provided to the hearing on behalf of the applicant, to identify gaps and to fill those gaps;
- Depending on the outcomes of this review, provide recommendations on how any additional effects identified can be mitigated;
- Based on the findings of the review, revise GWRC's notification decision
- Work with GBC Winstones to amend the conditions of their consent to reflect the recommendations arising from these investigations
- Review how GWRC informs the public about groundwater quality – should the council be doing more to inform and educate especially in areas like Otaki where domestic bores are common.

CB and JR reported that within a week they would know how long it would take to complete the next steps of the investigations and undertook to have that report completed in time for the next meeting. Community representatives noted that the investigation would require more than just filling in the gaps, that some of the assumptions and statements made would also need to be checked. They sought assurance that the consultant employed to do this investigation would be independent. CB and JR stated that Jacobs had been engaged for this work as an independent organisation.

JR said that as a result of this incidence, the bar would be raised in the way RMA applications were processed in the council which was likely to result in a change to the way conditions are drafted.

It was discussed in detail that Winstone were now planning to break into the water table and whether this action was appropriate given the uncertainty around the hydrology reports and the consents granted. CB and JR committed to seeking further advice from Jacobs and discussing this with Winstones.

NW stated that Winstone had run out of surface level aggregate in section 1A and intended to quarry from 1A into the water table within the next week.

4. Bore-water investigations

CB took people through the report prepared by Jacobs. In summary the bore water investigations found that at the time of sampling:

- There was no exposed groundwater in the excavation at the Ashford Park quarry;
- There was no bacterial contamination of groundwater in any of the bores sampled except for the Paxie bore;
- At the Paxie bore, a single faecal coliform was measured but no E.coli and this was possibly attributed to the poor borehead security observed;
- It is likely that the presence of faecal coliform is a result of very localised contamination around the borehead;
- Whilst sampling, it was generally noted that bore security varied significantly among the properties in Te Roto Road.

As recommended in the report, CB showed the meeting drawings of the types of bore construction that were at risk of contamination and others that were ideal for avoiding contamination. Drawings illustrating recommended construction style were handed out to the bore owners.

It was noted that as this report had also only been provided to the CLG the day of the meeting, that it should be discussed again at the next meeting after CLG members had the chance to review it fully.

5. KCDC Compliance Report

PB, in response to the point raised by ML at the last meeting, confirmed there was no water reticulation system in Te Roto Road and no plans to install one in this area. Water from the public supply can be accessed from a dedicated water filling point at the Council Depot is

Aotaki Street. He provided a web address where application can be made by water carriers to access this supply.

PB also confirmed that the Council's roading team would be working with GBC Winstones to find a solution to the churned up berm at the Te Roto entrance to the walkway.

AP enquired about the noise complaint that had been lodged with the quarry activity starting before 7 am in early April. PB stated that this was still under investigation and he had no update.

PD noted that what had been marked as the haul road had been dug up and the boundary of are 1A (currently being quarried) was being expanded into area 2. NW undertook to get this surveyed to check if that is correct.

6. GBC Winstone's progress report

i) Quarry dust

JM had raised concern at the previous meeting about the potential health risk from silicon dust being blown into residential properties as had occurred at Winstone's Yaldhurst quarry. In response to that, NW had asked Dan McGregor to commission a report on the type of chemicals found in the Otaki quarry and the effectiveness of the Dust Management Plan (DMP). AECOM was commissioned and their report pre-circulated to CLG members the day before the meeting.

In summary the AECOM report found that based on the conditions at the time of their site visit:

- There is minimal dust from the quarry operations
- The potential for nuisance is being controlled through the effective use of dust mitigation measures onsite
- Operations are being conducted in accordance with the DMP
- There is no additional/significant risk to people living near the quarry of developing silicosis
- The quantity of silica content in the extraction material than is significantly higher at the Otaki quarry than at other Winstone quarries in the region
- If there is an increase in dust concentration, specific silica monitoring is recommended. NW was unable to advise what the current dust monitoring regime is at the quarry. GWRC undertook to look into this and report to next meeting.

ii) Quarry Excavation

No information was provided on the volume of material excavated to date. At previous meetings it was requested that the volume of material extracted be reported in terms of truck loads which is more understandable for residents than cubic metres. This is a further reminder to Winstone to include this in their progress reports. *(Refer Condition 14 of the GWRC consent – consent holder will provide a report detailing the amount, location and extent of gravel extractions to the Manager, Environmental Regulation, GWRC by 1 November each year. SMP notes that GBC agree to make the report available to KCDC and members of the CLG).*

NW reported that in order to keep the quarry operating in wet weather when area 1A is unusable, Winstones was intending to start work in area 1B. AP noted that this cannot happen until a noise bund had been fully constructed in line with the conditions of consent which included building the bund across the paper road. NW advised that a revised bund configuration was under discussion with KCDC to allow excavation to start on 1B without building a bund across the paper road. It was noted that Winstone would need a revised consent from KCDC to undertake this. AP asked what PB was proposing regarding mitigation of noise impacts.

PB confirmed that he had had informal discussions with GBC Winstone in regard to expanding into the first part of 1B but no formal request had yet been made to KCDC in regards to this work. PB was prepared to consider the option of allowing the first part of 1B to be extracted if the noise bund was built and there is a return leg installed on the bund on the SW side of the paper road (creating an L shape). The council would require Winstone to engage an acoustic engineer to provide supporting information that showed the length of the bund required in order to not cause any increase in noise to adjacent residents as a result of the move into 1B.

It was agreed that PB and Winstone need to check what is proposed with the expansion of quarry operations into other parts of the quarry and what is required in terms of impact mitigation for that to happen and report back to the next meeting.

7. Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held soon after the follow-up report from GWRC is available (as noted in 1 above). CB agreed to let DB know once the delivery date was established. It was also agreed to move the meeting day to a Thursday so that Douglas Nel (regional manager for Winstones) would be able to attend.

It was also noted by the CLG group that it would be advantageous to have Dan McGregor attend the next meeting given much of the discussion centred on issues that the operational team at Winstone felt they were not able to answer adequately. DB undertook to contact Dan McGregor to request his attendance. CB has since advised that the report will be ready for distribution by 2 June.

Subsequently, based on the greater number of people able to attend, the meeting date has been set for **JUNE 29, 2017 at 6pm.**

A Compliance report from KCDC and a progress report from Winstone to be provided to DB by 22 June for circulated to members.