

Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group

Minutes of meeting held in Otaki War Memorial supper room on 20 June 2022 at 6pm

Present:

Residents: Campbell Andrews (C A), Denis Harnett (DH), Rob MacIndoe (RM). Chris Papps (Community Board Chair) (CP)

Winstone Aggregates: Gary Edwards, Quarry Manager (GE), Wiremu Adams (WA)

KCDC: no rep

GWRC: no rep

Chair and minute scribe: Di Buchan (DB)

Apologies: Carolyn Jolley, Janet Macdonald, Bev Norris. Max Lutz, FOTOR and CWB, Shelly Warwick, Simon Amos (KCDC)

Minutes of meeting held on 21 September 2021

The minutes were confirmed

Matters Arising from the minutes

Outriggers along the boundary between Black Hawk Farm and the eastern bridleway

It was noted that the outriggers (to prevent horses at Blackhawk getting too close to the fence line and scaring those using the trail, had still not been installed. It was recalled that Carolyn Jolley had agreed to attend to this but had since advised DB that this would be up to Winstones. GE agreed to sort something out with Carolyn and let DB know the outcome. Di will then send note out to CLG members.

Winstone's Progress report

The report was pre-circulated. There were no items of concern raised.

Water testing results

DH noted that the links to the water quality report were still not working. Gary agreed to resend the report to Di for circulation to the group.

Pest eradication

Denis said there was an influx of possums in the area. Gary assured him that Winstones was continuing its pest control regime as required.

Tree extraction

The remaining trees in the current extraction area are being cut down and removed. The timber will be offered to the local iwi in the first instance. The totara will be particularly valuable for carving.

Building demolition and removal

All unused buildings are about to be removed. Asbestos specialists are checking out the few

buildings where asbestos is suspected. There was some discussion about how the building material will be removed with DH noting that the resource consent conditions preclude Winstones from using Te Roto Road. GE gave an assurance that route to be used by the trucks for this job will be set in the contract conditions and exclude Te Roto Road.

Trees along north-east boundary

DH noted that the row of cypress trees along the western boundary of the proposed Stage 3 extraction area had a few gaps and although not a condition of Winstones consent, He thought it would be a good idea to replant these areas, so the trees would be established and providing visual barrier before stage 3 gets underway. GE undertook to discuss the merits of this with Dan McGregor, Winstone's Environmental manager.

KCDC Compliance Report

This report had been pre-circulated. No issues were raised.

Simon had noted in his report that the GWRC's piezometer report has not been received. Simon is following up once replacement for the Council's CLG rep is appointed.

General Business

Damage to Campbell Andrew's fence

Rubbish trucks have once again caused significant damage to CA's fence by banging into it when trying to turn at the end of Te Roto Road when there are cars parked along the berm. The parked cars are users of the walkway. GE said this was an issue for the rubbish contractors to deal with, not Winstones. CA wanted it recorded that Winstones did fix his fence when trucks damaged it the first time. GE said this was as a gesture of goodwill and not intended to create a precedence. It was noted that when Josua Gobler was the quarry manager, there was agreement that a parking area be provided at the end of Te Roto Road on Winstone's property to provide off-street parking for users of the walkway but this had never been carried out. It was agreed that:

CP would take photos of the damage fence to show to staff at KCDC to see if there was something the Council could do and

GE will provide CA with a large rock to put on his verge to stop the trucks backing into his fence. CA has a tractor that could help with the rock moving.

Vote of use of Eastern Walkway

RM reiterated the points he had made at the previous meeting about the way the decision on the use of the walkway was made. The CLG had requested a copy of the company's instructions to GE which GE had brought to that meeting. Winstones and provided that and it had then been circulated to the CLG members. Rob asked that it be recorded that he thanked Winstones for providing clarity on their position regarding the use of mediation.

Access to the lake

A lengthy discussion took place regarding an alternative plan to the one currently being pursued by GWRC which involved a roadway through CA's property for walkers, cyclists, horses and light vehicles from Te Roto Road to the edge of the existing lake. The new proposal involved using part of the paper road with a parking area near the toilets being constructed by FOTOR being funded by the Philipps

Family Foundation. GE could see some merit in the new proposal from Winstone's perspective. The new proposal would mean that there would be no need for vehicles to use the roadway through CA's land.

It was agreed that DB should contact Max Lutz (Chair of PP20 CLG and Chair of FOTOR) to discuss the idea of calling a meeting to discuss the new proposal and that the meeting should include CA and RM as proponents of the plan, Max Lutz, Graeme Campbell from GWRC, Chris Papps from the Community Board, and Winstones. **See note at the end of these minutes**

Replacement of chairperson

DB has advised that she was retiring from the role of chair and that this would be her last meeting. GE advised that Winstones are looking for a replacement and someone would be appointed before the next meeting (at the end of the year).

There being no further business, DB thanked the members for attending and the members thanked her for her contribution to the CLG. The meeting closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Next meeting:

29 November 2022

6pm

Memorial Hall supper room

22 November deadline for Compliance report from KCDC and a Progress Report from GBC Winstone. These to be provided to the new Chairperson of the CLG.

Summary of DB's subsequent discussion with Max Lutz

- Max's role in progressing an access to the lake was to find the funding for the project.
- According to GWRC, the road through the Andrews' property was always intended to include vehicle access. Campbell and Jo gifted the land for this purpose.
- Plans for the road have been completed and contractors have been interviewed.
- \$500,000 has already been spent by the NZTA to link the bridge walkway to the back of the lake where the road through the Andrews' property would finish.
- The toilets being constructed are just a containment tank and intended for users of the Crystals Bend walkway plus the canoe polo members. They will not be big enough for the general public. A public toilet will be located where the road through the Andrews' property joins the walkway and Waka Ama meet.
- GWRC is hoping that the walkway from the bridge and the road through the Andrew's property will be in place by the time the PP20 expressway opens.
- At this stage, GWRC should be left to work through the implementation of the plans which are already in place. They have already invested a huge amount of time and money in getting the projects to this stage.