

## **Ashford Park Quarry Community Liaison Group**

**Minutes of meeting held in Otaki War Memorial supper room on 19 November 2020 at 6pm**

### **Present:**

Residents: Janet Macdonald (JM), Max Lutz, FOTOR and CWB (ML), Shelly Warwick (SW), Campbell Andrews (C A), Denis Harnett (DH), Rob MacIndoe (RM).

Winstone Aggregates: Gary Edwards, Quarry Manager (GE), Wiremu Adams (WA), Mike Finch (MF).

GWRC: Colin Munn (CM)

Chair and minute scribe: Di Buchan (DB)

**Apologies:** Justine Gurr (Compliance Manager KCDC), Chris Papps (Community Board Chair), Mike Francis, Carolyn Jolley, Andreas Paxie, Peter Housiaux, Bev Norris.  
Apologies accepted - DH/SW

### **Welcome to the new quarry manager**

Gary Edwards was welcomed to the Ashford Park CLG. He replaces Wayne Read. He was the manager of the quarry from 1996 to 2010 and left just prior to the resource consent for Ashford Park was getting underway. He assured the group he had been well briefed by the company in relation to the conditions of consent and was looking forward to working with the CLG.

### **Minutes of meeting held on 30 July 2020**

The minutes were confirmed – JM/ CA

### **Matters Arising from the minutes**

The new configuration of the Eastern walkway which will incorporate a bridleway is due to start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and be completed by 1 December 2020.

### **Winstone's Progress report**

The report was pre-circulated and the following topics were raised in discussion.

#### **Topsoil**

GE advised that instead of stockpiling the top-soil which had been the practice to-date, Winstones was now using it for rehabilitation as the quarrying proceeds. Winstones is keen to speed up the rehab process. Top soil is also being used for benching combined with rock. It is hoped that the rehabilitation of the old lake will be completed within the next 3-4 months.

#### **Eastern Walkway Carpark**

DH questioned the proposed location of the parking area on the Maori Racing Club land as where it was shown on the revised walkway plan is in the floodway. He was concerned that the parking area would from time to time be subject to flooding.

GE said the position of the carpark was indicative only at this stage and that flooding issues could be addressed by the use of road metal and drainage infrastructure. CM summarised the extensive work the GWRC has undertaken to significantly reduce the risk of flooding in this area.

**Provision for Bridleway**

SW thanked Winstones for agreeing to put in the equestrian track alongside the Eastern Walkway. CA agreed it would be an asset but questioned why KCDC would spend so much money on a facility which will only be in operation until the new lake is completed.

RM noted that KCDC's share of the cost was only \$13,000 which was relatively minor expenditure for a walkway/bridleway. It was also noted that the fencing required would improve the land value and would be required anyway once Stage 3 of the quarry operation gets underway.

GE pointed out that the combined WCB was to be in operation until the end of all quarrying and rehabilitation work was completed which would be 10-15 years away. Taking all these points into consideration there was general agreement that the Council's contribution was a sound investment.

**Access to the lakes through CA's land**

ML pointed out that the proposed access through CA's land would also provide for vehicles. He noted that NZTA, GWRC and KCDC had all agreed to the concept and now the proposal needed to move to the design and costing stages.

It seemed there were still a few matters to be sorted before the design work could begin but CM and GE expressed confidence that the roadway would be in place by mid-2022 in time for the opening of the Otaki bypass.

There being no further business, DB closed the meeting at 7.15pm, an all-time record for the Group!

**Next meeting**

**Thursday 1 April 2021, Memorial Hall, 6pm**

**Friday 26 March deadline for Compliance report from KCDC and a Progress Report from GBC Winstone to be provided to Di for circulation to members.**