

# **Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 11th March 2014, Banavie Quarry – 4.00pm**

## **Attendees –**

Bob Gordon – Breedon Aggregates – North West Regional Director  
(Chairperson of the Liaison Committee)

Andy Sutherland - Area Production Manager

Susan Macmillan – Highland Council, Planning Department

## **1 Apologies –**

Russell Leaper – Resident

Mark Smith - Highland Council, TEC Services

Gerald McIntyre – Resident

Ronnie Maclean – Resident

Councillor Bill Clark

## **2 Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes agreed.

Bob Gordon introduced Adrian Howe as the Companies new Area Operations Manager for the West

## **3 Quarry Up-date**

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon advised that there has been slow progress with regard to the hydromulching of the quarry faces but the Company has now employed a Geotechnical/Environmental person who is reviewing the situation and will respond to the planning department directly with proposals.

b) Transport Code of Practice – The SID sign has been working successfully of late with no operational issues. The white lining has been redone on the access along with the addition of a 10MPH signs on the road.

The new sign has been placed on the light lamp post at the entrance off the Gairlochy road without any issues raised.

c) Quarry Development – Bob advised that dependant on the work load and if the Company was successful in winning the supplies of aggregate to the Gaelic school and the Campus there would be a blast sometime in the year to replenish stock.

d) Future work load –

Bob Gordon advised that the Company had priced the 3 schools – Gaelic, The Campus and Lundavra – but no orders have been placed as yet. If successful there would be a busy period from the end of April onwards. The Council have placed an order for asphalt and these works will be carried out the last two weeks of March and a week into April.

BEAR works programme has not been formally established but they hope to carry out approx. 17 schemes in the area between April and November with one of the schemes possibly requiring night shift. Bob will advise as and when if this occurs.

#### **4 Review of complaints rec'd:**

The Company had received two complaints from the previous blast form neighbours. The Company had responded to the complainees directly and environmental Health was also aware of the situation. Russell Leaper – by email – had advised that some of the neighbours had not received direct notification of the blast and this will be taken on board going forward.

Both Ronnie Maclean and Gerald Macintyre advised that they had no issues that required to be raised for the meeting

#### **5 Comments from the Community**

No additional comment

#### **6 Comments from Highland Council:**

No additional comments

#### **7 AOB:**

Bob Gordon advised that the quarry had received some capital funding to carry out some refurbishment of the asphalt plant and that this was virtually complete. SEPA have been on site and were also pleased with the improvements.

#### **8 Date of next meeting:**

Propose 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - 4.00pm at Banavie Quarry or unless agreed otherwise. Bob Gordon advised that he would contact Ronnie and

Gerald directly to bring them up to speed with the meeting and any other issues requiring being discussed.