

## **Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 10th January 2012, Banavie Quarry – 4.00pm**

### **Attendees –**

Bob Gordon – Breedon Aggregates – Support Services Director  
(Chairperson of the Liaison Committee)  
Neil Forbes – Breedon Aggregates – Regional Director  
Gerald McIntyre – Resident  
Ronnie Maclean – Resident  
Colin Morison - Breedon Aggregates - Regional Production Manager  
Councillor Bill Clark  
Mark Smith - Highland Council, TEC Services  
Susan Macmillan – Highland Council, Planning Department  
Andy Sutherland – Breedon Aggregates – Area Production Manager

### **1 Apologies -**

Russell Leaper – Resident

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

Minutes agreed.

### **3 Quarry Up-date**

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon advised that the Company had decided to wait for the spring to tackle the hydromulching of the quarry faces since the last two attempts have failed due to the wet weather in the autumn.

b) Transport Code of Practice – Bob Gordon presented details of the ‘SID’ radar warning signs proposed for the quarry access road and agreed that the Company would proceed to purchase the sign. Location of the sign to be trialled at various locations before decided which would be the best location. Bob Gordon also presented to the meeting a proposal to erect an additional sign at the end of the access road highlighting to drivers the code of practice, speed and awareness of pedestrians. Bob Gordon to formalise agreed wording for the proposed sign and forward to Roads and Planning Department for approval.

c) Quarry Development – Andy advised that there would be no imminent blasting to be carried out.

d) Future work load –

Neil advised that the development at Blar Mor, which was to have started in January, the Company had not received any order or any indication of a start date. Mark advised that the Roads Dept had not received any request and approval for access to the road network. Neil advised that the Company was only aware that on the first phase of the works 26,000t was required in the first stage.

Bob Gordon to circulate to the Liaison Group information as it was made available.

Bob Gordon advised that the Company at present were not aware of any night shift operation requirements for Scotland Transerv and with the Trunk Road maintenance contract up for renewal it was unlikely that any request would be received. Bob Gordon to advise the group if there was any change to this.

A review of the previous night shift operation was discussed and agreed that this was carried out without any concerns.

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

No issues were raised.

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

The new Community Notice Board is now in place at the Car Park and Russell advised by email that the sponsorship of the Board by Breedon was greatly appreciated.

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

No additional comments

#### **7 AOB:**

Bob Gordon advised that the Company was in discussion with the Rugby Club about the possible use of the adjacent field for training facilities and that there may be an excavator in the field to carry out some trial hole digs to test the quality and depth of the soils.

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

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 - 4.00pm at Banavie Quarry

