

# **Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 19th April 2011, Banavie Quarry – 4.00pm**

## **Attendees –**

Bob Gordon – Breedon Aggregates – Support Services Director  
(Chairperson of the Liaison Committee)  
Ronnie Maclean – Resident  
Russell Leaper – Resident  
Susan Poole – Highland Council, Planning Department  
Colin Morison - Breedon Aggregates - Regional Production Manager  
Andy Sutherland – Breedon Aggregates – Area Production Manager

## **1 Apologies -**

Neil Forbes – Breedon Aggregates – Regional Director  
Councillor Bill Clark  
Gerald McIntyre – Resident  
Mark Crowe - Highland Council, TEC Services

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

Minutes agreed.

## **3 Quarry Up-date**

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon advised that the Company will probably need to have the higher faces re – hydromulched and this will be done at the latest in September this year.

b) Transport Code of Practice – There is still an element of external company's not adhering to the COP, McPhee and McCall in particular. The Company to investigate and advise these Company's of the requirement to assist in compliance with our COP.  
There was further discussion with regard to installing additional traffic calming measures to keep the speed of traffic down to an acceptable level and Bob Gordon produced an example of an 'S' ramp leaflet. Bob Gordon also advised that both Mark Crowe and Gerald McIntyre had expressed concerns over the possible additional noise effect of the lorries going over these ramps may cause more disruption while Mark Crowe had also proposed a radar sign known as a 'Smiley Sid' sign as a possible solution. Bob Gordon agreed to contact Mark and arrange an onsite meeting to discuss further.

It was agreed that Colin and Andy would speak to the Banavie Hostel and leave COP fliers with them for their residents making them aware that of the presence of HGV's passing the hostel.

c) Quarry Development – Colin Morrison advised that the mobile crushing team would be back at the quarry within 3 – 4 weeks time (mid May) to resume crushing while there would also be a quarry blast in the similar time scales. Colin to ensure that the agreed advance warning procedures to be carried out re notification of blasting etc.

There was on this occasion an additional blast monitor to be used to record the blast and that this would be situated at a property on the Gairloch Road.

d) Future work load – Bob Gordon advised that the Company had just received confirmation of a request from Scotland Transerve for some night shift operations in May, starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May for 5 nights only, and not for 12 nights as previously thought.

The Company would now write to the Planning Department requesting a dispensation of operational hours to cover this period and that the Company would also drop a letter to the neighbours of the quarry advising them of the situation as previously carried out successfully.

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

No other complaints, other than those discussed above had been received

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

Russell advised that the Kilmallie Community Council had at last been reformed and that he was a member of the CC and would now be in a position to also represent the CC at the Liaison meeting.

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

No additional comments

#### **7 AOB:**

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 - 4.00pm at Banavie Quarry