

## **Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 6th September 2011, 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

Russell Leaper – Resident

Mark Smith - Highland Council, TEC Services

Susan Poole – Highland Council, Planning Department

Andy Sutherland – Breedon Aggregates – Area Production Manager

### **1 Apologies -**

Colin Morison - Breedon Aggregates - Regional Production Manager  
Councillor Bill Clark

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

Minutes agreed.

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

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon to contact Alistair Cakebread re the hydromulching of the quarry faces as the previous attempts have had limited success.

b) Transport Code of Practice – The Company is investigating the use of the interactive radar operated signs. Bob Gordon to provide the various options for the committee to discuss and agree once the information was received from Pauline Donaldson of the Highland council.

It was agreed that the possible best location would be at the bottom of the entrance coming up to the quarry entrance. In conjunction with this a series of white lines to be positioned on the road from the exit of the quarry to act as a visual reminder for the traffic to slow down.

c) Quarry Development – Andy advised that there would be no further blasting this year and that the mobile crushing had also been concluded and that the plant would be leaving the quarry imminently.

d) Future work load – Bob Gordon advised that the Company had received notification from Scotland Transerve for some night shift works in Fort William and Lochybridge. It was hoped that these works would be done last week of October first week of November. The two contracts would take a week to complete working from the Sunday to the Thursday for each contract. However the works timing were dependent on night shift works at Onich and may start earlier. Bob Gordon to advise when confirmation was received from Scotland Transerve about the programme of works.

The Company would then 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.

The Council have also a heavy programme of works over the next month but this will be carried out under normal working hours.

Neil advised that the development at Blar Mor, possibly starting in January of next year, is requiring a large quantity of materials which is being priced at this stage. The development is still at the planning stage so timing of the works will depend when this gets approval. There is a possible 140000t of material required but again this will depend on how much materials can be re-used on site.

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

Focus of concerns rose were the HGV movements to and from the quarry. While it was stated that the majority of drivers adhere to the COP such operatives as DA McLeod and Shepherd were culprits. Also some of the smaller technical vans were also noted. Andy advised that he had spoken to the majority of these companies and Neil will speak to the technical people.

Concern raised following the last night shift operation in April over the HGV's driving too fast. This was rectified at the time with a more intense presence by management. This would be maintained at the next night shift operation, if approved, to maintain consistency of approach.

The Company was asked if Mr Johnston had approached the Company raising concerns over traffic but confirmed that no approach had been made.

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

Russell thanked the Company for sponsoring the new notice board for the car park and that this was now being constructed.

**6 Comments from Highland Council:**

No additional comments

**7 AOB:**

**8 Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011 - 4.00pm at Banavie Quarry