

Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting 17th September 2013, Banavie Quarry – 4.00pm

Attendees –

Bob Gordon – Breedon Aggregates – Support Services Director
(Chairperson of the Liaison Committee)

Mark Henderson - Area Production Manager

Russell Leaper – Resident

Mark Smith - Highland Council, TEC Services

Susan Macmillan – Highland Council, Planning Department

1 Apologies -

Gerald McIntyre – Resident

Ronnie Maclean – Resident

Councillor Bill Clark

2 Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes agreed.

3 Quarry Up-date

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon advised that having had two attempts at the Hydromulching of the quarry faces having being unsuccessful and that the Company who carried out the works is no longer in business the Company is now seeking advice as to how this can be achieved. Bob Gordon will resource alternative Companies for their expertise and revert back to Susan Macmillan Planning Dept. with a proposal for consideration before proceeding with any works

b) Transport Code of Practice – The SID sign was replaced since the last meeting but recently has been infrequent in operation. Mark Henderson has advised the supplier a new radar section has been organised to replace the faulty part.

White lining has been redone on the access along with the addition of a 10MPH signs on the road.

The new sign that is to be placed on the light lamp post at the entrance off the Gairloch road was discussed and agreed that we will put this up on a trial basis. If successful the Company will then apply for formal approval to have it erected on a permanent basis. Sign to be erected this week.

c) Quarry Development – Mark advised that there was a blast organised for next week and that our crushing team would then arrive within the week after the blast. The team we anticipate to be working till the year end

d) Future work load –

Bob Gordon advised that the Company was pricing for the three local Primary schools that was going to be built in the area. It was hoped that the Company would be successful as two of the schools was within half a mile of the quarry. Possible start in November and continuing into next year. If successful this would see an increase in traffic movements but not out with any operational hours.

The possible 6 night shift operations mentioned on the Agenda Bob Gordon confirmed that only 2 nights will be required – 28th & 29th October for the Ballahulish roundabout. 80t of material required on both nights so only two lorries required making two trips. Bob Gordon to confirm that these works will proceed and apply for dispensation of operating hours as previously applied for.

Mark Smith confirmed that the Highland Council had some surfacing works in the area and that the tonnages had been forwarded to the Company. These tonnages will be supplied during normal operational hours - Works to commence beginning of October.

4 Review of complaints rec'd:

Since the last meeting the Company had received a handful of concerns over speeding which the Company dealt with as these were reported at the time. The advice given previously about reporting concerns as they happen, so that the Company had a chance to speak to the person concerned there and then, has proved a better way of dealing with any concerns raised. Mark has been following this up and responding to the concerns to advise what has been done.

Concern rose over the SID sign and as mentioned the radar head is being replaced.

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 applied for capital funding from the company group to replace some of the older parts of the asphalt plant – the drier section, cold feed bins up-grade, and electrical re-wiring and if approved this should simplify the operational side of the plant and should also improve the environmental aspect of the plant.

8 Date of next meeting:

11th March 2014 - 4.00pm at Banavie Quarry or unless agreed otherwise