

# **Minutes of the Banavie Quarry Liaison Group Meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007, Moorings Hotel, Banavie – 6.00pm**

## **Attendees –**

Colin Morrison – Ennstone Thistle – Regional Production Manager

Bob Gordon – Ennstone Thistle – Support Services Director

Gerald McIntyre – Resident

Tony Whitelock – Resident

Barbara Gillies – Resident

Russell Leaper – Resident

Duncan McInnes - KCC

## **1 Apologies**

John Mackenzie – Ennstone Thistle – Regional Director

Stephen Fair – Highland Council, Planning Department

Jim Tolmie - Highland Council, TEC Services

Councillor Bill Clark

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

All points to be picked up during the meeting.

## **3 Quarry Up-date**

a) Environmental Works – Bob Gordon gave an update on the status of the on going environmental improvements as follows:-

1 – The remainder of the old asphalt plant is now down and waiting to be taken of site

2 – Tree planting on the bund has started. The Hydromulching of the quarry back faces had been delayed until the quarry restoration blasting has been completed. This has been due to the output of the quarry being behind on anticipated sales but it is hoped that this would be caught up by October this year.

c) Future work load – Bob Gordon provided an update on anticipated future programme advising that sales have been slow so far this year but over the next quarter of the year there would be a pick up on sales. Some of the larger contracts that Ennstone will be supplying are:

A830 Malaig Road – Ennstone are supplying the asphalt for the road on this contract and it is anticipated to commence in December of this year with the main surfacing work to be carried out in 2008

There is approx 20000 tonne of aggregate materials for the A82 Lochybridge to Torlundy Cycle Track on offer from RJ McLeod, Contractor for the contract which Ennstone have tendered for.

d) Quarry Development - The quarry sinking has been delayed until the second half of 2007.

Blasting and crushing at the quarry to return Sept/Oct

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

Bob Gordon had received a complaint from Mr Hamilton regarding noise at coming from the coating plant. This was attended to immediately and was a function of a failed bearing from the plant.

A request from a neighbour to review the speed limit on the quarry access road from Locheil Crescent to the quarry gates from 10MPH to 15MPH had been discussed with planners and road engineer since the last Liaison meeting. The request was to try and reflect a more practical approach as to what was happening on the ground. This was acceptable by the council officials with the proviso that it was ratified by the Liaison committee. The committee felt that the other residents on the road should be consulted before officially going to the council and requesting any changes to the speed limits and to the Quarry Code of Practice. Bob Gordon advised that the Company would speak to the residents concerned.

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

No comments rec'd by the community

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

No Comments

#### **7 AOB:**

Duncan McInnes advised that the CC had been discussing community projects that may be eligible for funding from the Aggregate Levy Fund and that a public toilet facility in the Car Park at Banavie was one of the favoured projects and would speak to the Council for advice and budget costings to hopefully pull together a scheme for consideration

Gerald McIntyre also suggested that some sort of stone monument be erected at the entrance to Banavie village may also be appropriate. Bob Gordon to speak to the planners to discuss possibilities

Russell Leaper to speak to John Ireland with regard to possible cycleway projects

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, Banavie Quarry 6.00pm

There followed a presentation by Ritchies on drilling and blasting to which residents were invited.

Following an informative presentation and at the Q & A session the following points were agreed to be taken on board:

Blast monitoring results to be presented to each liaison committee to show compliance with planning conditions. Blast results to show each location where the monitor was positioned.

Programme to show where the blast monitor will be located for future blasts

Additional blast monitors to be used when the quarry development starts into the quarry floor