

Minutes of the Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group Meeting

7 August 2023 at the Judgeford Golf Club

Present: Justin Roberts / Laurie Watkins / Diane Strugnell / Peter Walsh / Shane Hagai / Sharks-Jo Solomon / Paul Nation / Mark Turner. **Apologies:** Koa Martel / Darren Courtnage

1. Update on further work completed at the quarry since last meeting/site visit.

Outlined.

Silt retention pond – all in place size – 57m long 22m wide

Business as usual

2. Planned activities – long term short term.

Short – Dig test pits (1m² sections) along sealed quarry access road – stabilisation works required to improve sub grade and extend life of road.

Steps: Dig a few square test hikes in various locations, collect sample, cover area with asphalt.

Cut and fill slips and slumps along Quarry access road. Likely will take 5 weeks to complete with a start date mid-late August.

Discussion on Archaeological Discovery Plan. Shane confirmed that digger drivers were briefed on the quarry management plan and were experienced drivers.

De-Liven clean water diversion 3 and create Perennial Stream. Been diverted for 12+ months (old consents).

Blessing of stream once live – 2-3 weeks' notice to Iwi

Long term – management plan approved – build 400m noise bund along quarry access road.

Create a road from quarry to fill site 2 for summer quarry overburden strip.

Basically, site items in presentation from last meeting – management plans approved – 30 days since approved plans.

Bund – when management plan approved – October?? Spring/summer. Depends on approval process.

3. Complaints - if any

Justin noted enquiries had come from members of the community on how they can make a complaint or contact members of the CLG.

Noted that there will be a tab on the website for the CLG which will include minutes of meetings and anyone who contacts PCC can be referred to the website.

At the end of the day, they could contact the quarry (Shane) directly.

4. Management plans

Noise survey / blasting and noise survey – feedback from Diane – replied and incorporated feedback into modified plan and submitted to Council – in the process now.

5. Quarry Website

Peter outlined website and will forward it to the CLG chair when complete who will forward it to CLG members for consultation – FH happy to hear ideas on how it could improve (if at all). Described the initial complaint process - FH – acknowledgement – fill in details – forwarded to Shane and his manager. Time frame – next day – reply or action within 24hrs. Elevation of a complaint depended on the seriousness but reassured that a reply and action would be prompt.

Noted that the website would be included on quarry signage.

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Discussion on how Iwi would be informed of any serious issue (e.g., sewage spillage) rather than hearing about it down the track. Justin noted the Role of regulatory authorities (PCC / GWRC) would be the first to know in the event of a serious issue and would initially liaise with Shane – then (potentially) come back to Iwi. Charli-jo noted that she was visiting the site next week and would discuss this then.

Diane noted that most complaints would likely involve noise and blasting – and Charli Jo indicated the Iwi is not interested in issues like that.

6. Communications going forward

Any serious issues – Shane would pass on the CLG chair who would disseminate it to the members promptly.

Confirmed that the main forum for complaints from the community would be through the website.

Discussion on how to advise community of certain events – e.g., blasting. Shane noted that previously there was an email notification and mail drop. The consent noted that people were needed to be advised it was just a question of who. Shane happy to provide the CLG with notifications and chair would disseminate notifications to CLG members who would pass it on to their members/contacts.

Shane would continue to notify of events through his current email contacts.

7. Future CLG membership

Justin noted that he had been in contact with members of the community who wanted to know how to make complaints in the future or contact members of the CLG.

Discussion on the consent hearing - lot of emotion – lot of people submitted.

Justin noted that some people engaged with him but were not notified individually about the consent result. Justin advised that when the consent was granted it went up on the PCC website and individuals were responsible for checking it themselves rather than being advised individually. Justin noted that some people wanted to know who was in the CLG.

Noted that the CLG decides membership the minutes of CLG meetings would be on the website with the CLG having its own tab.

Noted that the CLG was not the forum for complaints.

8. Future Meeting dates

No meeting dates confirmed but Shane will send a monthly report to the chair for dissemination to CLG members and decide whether a meeting is required.

9. General Business

Peter noted that FH was meeting with Waka Kotahi in the near future around the intersection of SH58 and the quarry road. He clarified that the right turn into the quarry road would remain until the roundabout at Moonshine Road was completed. Peter would provide feedback from the meeting(s)

Discussion on Iwi membership of the CLG. Charli-Jo noted that the relationship between Iwi and FH was separate to the CLG and that an Iwi representative was not required to be on the CLG but would receive an invite to meetings and would receive the minutes of meetings (through Charli-Jo)

10. Meeting closed at 11.10am