

Liaison Group Forum

Minutes of meeting: 12 July 2018, 1.00 – 2.30pm

Venue: Sneaton Village Hall, Sneaton, YO22 5HS

Present:

Gareth Edmunds (GE) – Sirius Minerals (Meeting Chair)
Graham Clarke (GC) – Sirius Minerals
Matt Parsons (MP) – Sirius Minerals
Glenn Dunn (GD) – Sirius Minerals
Hayley Stubbings (HS) – Sirius Minerals
Cllr Leslie Atkinson (LA) – Fylingdales Parish Council, NYMNPA member
Cllr Steve Kay (SK) – Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Cllr Tony Jackson (AJ) – Egton Parish Council
Rob Smith (RS) - North York Moors National Park Authority
Cllr Guy Coulson (GC) – Scarborough Borough Council, NYMNPA member
Cllr Dick Hoyle (DH) – Fylingdales Parish Council
Cllr Gerald Dennett (GD) – Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr Gordon Stock (GS) – Sneaton Parish Council
Cllr Alf Abbott (AA) – Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr David Rowland (DR) – Hawsker Parish Council
Cllr Sandra Turner (ST) – Scarborough Borough Council
Andy Naylor (AN) – North Yorkshire County Council
2 members of the public.

1. Introduction

GE opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public in attendance.

2. Apologies

Cllr Derek Bastiman, Cllr David Chance, Briony Fox (NYMNPA), Cllr Christine Kingham.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

No comments.

4. Matters Arising

- AN confirmed that letters would be sent to residents of Helredale Road informing them of consultation about the proposed layby improvements.
- NYCC have had speed monitoring checks on Helredale Road undertaken. The data is currently being analysed and will be reported at the next LGF meeting.
- GD gave an update of Project HGV movements and reported that there had been a daily average of 31 HGV deliveries to the Woodsmith site (62 two-way movements) over a three-month period.

5. Construction Update

GC gave an update of construction activities at Woodsmith Mine, Lockwood Beck and Wilton. This covered construction activity since April and what is scheduled to take place over the next few months. Recent drone footage of the Woodsmith site was shown.

Questions

- SK asked if the noise attenuation measures (shipping containers) used at Woodsmith Mine would be used at Lockwood Beck. SK also asked whether the 'drill and blast' method would still be used on the shaft at Lockwood Beck.
 - GC responded that the shipping containers were being used at Woodsmith Mine because of the high level of construction activity in comparison to Lockwood Beck. The company will adhere to noise limits applicable across all sites and put in necessary measures to mitigate noise impacts. GC confirmed that the drill and blast method would be used at Lockwood.
- Member of the public asked whether the lining of the MTS shaft would be concrete segments or slip form.
 - GC replied that it would be slip form, using the concrete being produced on site.
- Cllr GD asked if the welfare facilities were now at full height at Woodsmith Mine.
 - GC confirmed that the welfare facilities are at full height.
- RS asked how the mains power supply to the site, recently installed by Northern Powergrid, would affect construction.
 - GC explained that it would enable the site to rely less on diesel generators, which would help to limit noise levels.
- Member of the public commented that a local resident had complained about the light coming from the site and asked whether there would still be the same level of lighting during operations.
 - GC replied that Sirius takes all complaints very seriously and asked that individuals get in touch with the company if they have specific concerns. GC explained that lighting is monitored on an ongoing basis and that the next few months will see the most intensive surface activity on site. As shaft sinking progresses the level of lighting on site will reduce. During operations the site will be screened, and the level of lighting will be much less.

6. Planning Conditions

Section 106

RS reported that work on discharging the conditions for phases 5 & 6 is continuing. RS further summarised the S106 funded Landscape and Ecology projects that would be carried out in the next quarter and explained that NYMNPA's tree planting target is 30 hectares this year.

- AA asked whether NYMNPA would be willing to use the S106 funding towards the upkeep of a War Memorial in Sleights village.
 - RS explained that NYMNPA is open to suggestions and that queries should be directed to Briony Fox.

7. Complaints and Correspondence

MP reported that there had been three complaints associated with Woodsmith Mine between April and July 2018. One was in relation to the volume of white vans through Littlebeck. The complainant has reported an improvement since signage stating 'No Construction Vehicles' was introduced. There was a complaint about the number of HGVs arriving and leaving the Woodsmith site outside of the 7am-7pm delivery window, which has been monitored and rectified.

A complaint was received from a resident in Sneatonthorpe about noise coming from the site. Whilst the noise limits in the planning conditions were not exceeded, Sirius has introduced additional noise mitigation measures.

There has been one complaint associated with Lockwood Beck. This was in relation to the Northern Powergrid works and has been resolved.

8. Community Engagement

MP reported that Sirius' education outreach programme has continued and gave a summary of a six-week project with a group of year 9 girls from Caedmon College Whitby.

MP further reported that two local jobs fairs had taken place in Skinningrove and Whitby. These attracted over 700 people, with local people being employed as a result.

The Company are also working with North Yorkshire Skill Mill, a social enterprise that aims to increase the skills and aspirations of disadvantaged young people. A team of young people, together with their supervisor, have been litter picking and performing maintenance tasks around Sneaton.

9. A.O.B

- SK asked how many young people were involved in the Skill Mill project and asked whether Lockwood could also be part of the project.

Action 1 – MP replied that there were four young people involved and that he will talk to Skill Mill about the potential for working around Lockwood and get back to SK.

- GD provided an update of the extension to the Whitby Park & Ride facility, which will provide 180 spaces specifically for Sirius staff and its contractors. This will be up and running in August.
- ST commented that she had been unable to attend the previous meeting and wanted to state that she is impressed with the way that Sirius addresses issues that are raised and is already bringing benefits to the area.
- AA endorsed ST's comments, adding that he was impressed by the Caedmon College Whitby project. He also asked whether Sirius would be interested in supporting the installation of a defibrillator at Whitby Park and Ride.

Action 2 – MP to investigate.

- DR asked whether anything could be done to make it easier for horse riders to cross the A171 in Hawsker.

Action 3 – MP to discuss with BF about potential for S106 to fund a Pegasus crossing.

- GS stated that Sneaton Parish Council have been very impressed with the work done in the village by Skill Mill. He asked whether there is an updated figure for local employment on the Project. GS also asked whether workers living in close proximity to the mine would be expected to use the Park and Ride.

Action 4 - MP to provide current figures at next LGF meeting. GD responded that a minibus service would collect and drop workers who are living in accommodation close to the mine site.

- TJ asked whether Sirius still intended to build its own terminal following the recent announcement of a deal with Redcar Bulk Terminal (RBT).
 - GE replied that Sirius would still develop its own facility to handle full production of 20 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa). The RBT deal would help to simplify the development process and provide the ability to handle up to 10Mtpa.