

Liaison Group Forum
Minutes of meeting: 21 October 2021, 1 – 2 pm
Online Meeting via Zoom

Present:

Gareth Edmunds (GE) – Anglo American (Meeting Chair)
Matt Parsons (MP) – Anglo American
Heather King (HK) – Anglo American
Mark Pooleman (MPo) – Anglo American
Briony Fox (BF) – North York Moors National Park Authority
Mike Hawtin (MH) – North York Moors National Park Authority
Rob Smith (RS) - North York Moors National Park Authority
Cllr Leslie Atkinson (LA) – Fylingdales Parish Council

1 member of the public was in attendance.

1. Introduction

GE introduced and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr Wild and Cllr Kay

3. Minutes of previous meeting

No comments, minutes accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

GE stated there were no outstanding actions from the last meeting.

5. Project Update

MPo gave a presentation, including images of the site, covering construction progress since the last meeting. MPo reported that cutting with the shaft boring road header (SBR) had commenced at the service shaft and the production shaft SBR was being installed soon.

At Lockwood Beck, the shaft had been fully excavated and lined. He explained that the tunnel boring machine (TBM), had reached almost 17km and was going to have a stop for refurbishment at 18km.

MPo explained that at Wilton the ROM Dome was progressing well and at the Ladycross Plantation site preparation works were underway.

- RS asked for progress regarding drilling remediation plans
 - MPo responded that that initial earthworks had been completed, with planning documentation currently in development.
- RS asked for clarification on TBM refurbishment at 18km.
 - MPo said that it would take one month to do the refurbishment.

6. Planning Conditions

RS reported that the focus had been on the discharge of conditions related to Ladycross Plantation. An application for the third phase of work is expected shortly.

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MH reported that a wide range of landscape and ecology projects had progressed with some delays due to wet weather. Lighting improvement projects were continuing, such as working with Parish Councils to test new technology streetlights.

- GE asked about the funding for brown signs.
 - MH replied that that sign locations were currently being checked and then secondary signage and major road network signage would be installed.

BF added that they were about to issue a Core Policy D notice for planting 107 hectares of new woodland.

7. Complaints

MP explained that since the last meeting there had been no complaints related to the Woodsmith site. One complaint had been received in connection to a member of the construction workforce parking in an anti-social way in Scarborough. Another complaint had been made about HGV routing related to Ladycross.

- RS said he had received a complaint about Ladycross and would send details after meeting.

8. Community

MP reported that Scarborough Science and Engineering week had gone well. The interactive stand had been well received. He said there was an information event happening in the coming week about new cyber security apprenticeships with Anglo American. He added that there were currently two new rounds of funding open with the Foundation, one for young people and the other related to measures to address climate change.

9. A.O.B

- Member of the public asked when the technical review would be finished and plan announced.
 - GE responded that there would be an announcement in Spring.
- Member of the public asked how deep the shaft was now and if the SBR would cope with the casing?
 - MPo reported that the service shaft was at a depth of 120m.