

**Liaison Group Forum**  
**Minutes of meeting: 21 July 2021, 3 – 4 pm**  
**Online Meeting via Zoom**

**Present:**

Gareth Edmunds (GE) – Anglo American (Meeting Chair)  
Matt Parsons (MP) – Anglo American  
Richard Murrell (RM) – 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 Linda Wild (LW) – Whitby Town Council  
Cllr Clive Pearson – North Yorkshire County Council, Scarborough Borough Council  
Cllr Mike Holliday (MH) – Sneaton Parish Council

1 member of the public was in attendance.

**1. Introduction**

GE introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr Chance, Cllr Watson, Cllr Coulson 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 the progress that had been made since the last meeting. MPo reported that at the mine site, the focus remained on preparing the three shafts for the main shaft sinking.

At Lockwood Beck, the 'blind boring' of the shaft had been completed to depth and was now being lined with steel tubes. MPo explained that the tunnel boring machine (TBM), had now almost reached 15.6km.

MPo explained that at the Ladycross Plantation site, the highway works had almost been completed on the access road and a righthand turn lane off the A171 towards the site at Egton.

He reported that a decision to sink a shaft at Ladycross had been made and that ground investigation works would follow later this year in addition to construction of a haul road, laydown area, drilling pad and surface water attenuation pond.

- RS asked for an update on the timescales for blasting at Woodsmith site.
  - MPo responded that the MTS shaft blasting was due to start in Autumn.
- LW asked when highway works would be finished in Egton

- MPo said that they would be finished by the 23 July when the schools break-up as planned.

## **6. Planning Conditions**

RS reported that the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP) had just signed off Phase 14 of the planning application which relates to relatively minor infrastructure matters onsite.

### **Section 106**

MH reported that a wide range of landscape and ecology projects had progressed despite delays resulting from the pandemic.

BF added that with respect to Core Policy D, a new member was being recruited to ensure woodland planting targets were met. The tourism campaigns are starting up again after some forced pauses due to Covid-19.

## **7. Complaints**

MP explained that since April there had been nine complaints. Five related to traffic, which should be resolved by monitoring specific routes and the phased return of the Park and Ride which was currently delayed due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in the area. RM added that the aim was for the Park and Ride to be fully operational as soon as it was safe to do so but this could be a number of weeks.

- RS asked for more information about the incidences of traffic coming through Ugglebarnby
  - MP responded that the monitoring of traffic using this route had been effective in significantly reducing it, and that a complaint about a particular large vehicle was investigated it was discovered that it went to a local farm and not the site.

## **8. Community**

MP reported that out of 500 applicants, fourteen apprentices had been taken on ready to start in September. Five are from Whitby and two are female.

- LW said that there is a lot of interest in the apprenticeship schemes, and she would be happy to help and advise having worked in this area in the past.

MP said that a number of projects with respect social and economic development had been supported including a business startup scheme, investment in the Whitby Lobster Hatchery and support to buy outdoor adventure equipment for Caedmon College Whitby.

HK provided an update about Skills 4 Work and reported that they had been active in Sneaton recently in decorating the outside of the Village Hall and were about to embark on a project in Sleights renovating an old signal box as part of a community project.

## **9. A.O.B**

GE said that there would likely be media coverage during the following week as Anglo American's 2021 interim results were announced. He advised information on timescales and costs related to the Woodsmith Project would be included in the annual results announced in February 2022.