



Liaison Group Forum
Minutes of meeting: 26 September 2022, 2 - 3 pm
Hawsker Methodist Chapel

Present:

Gareth Edmunds (GE) – Anglo American (Meeting Chair)
 Matt Parsons (MP) – Anglo American
 Heather King (HK) – Anglo American
 Mark Pooleman (MPo) – Anglo American
 William Woods (WW) – Anglo American
 Briony Fox (BF) – North York Moors National Park Authority
 Rob Smith (RS) - North York Moors National Park Authority
 Cllr David Rowland (R) – Hawsker PC
 Cllr C Watkinson (CW) – Fylingdales PC
 Cllr Jane Mortimer (JM) – Scarborough Borough Council

3 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Introduction

GE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Kay, Cllr. Swannick, Cllr. Chance, Cllr. Stonehouse, Cllr. Nock and Cllr. Wilde

3. Minutes of previous meeting

No comments, minutes accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

ACTION 1: HK explained that the light issue with a Hawsker resident had been raised with the environmental team and resolved.

5. Project Update

MPo gave a presentation, including images of the site, covering construction progress since the last meeting. He reported that the shaft boring road header (SBR) had made progress in the service shaft. MPo added that the first 15 blasts had been carried out successfully at the MTS shaft.

MPo reported that at Lockwood Beck, the backfilling of the lagoon was complete. Work to connect the shaft to the mineral transport system (MTS) tunnel and construct the headhouse was ongoing.

MPo explained that the tunnel boring machine (TBM) had reached 19km and showed some photographs of the tunnel, where the TBM had reached using a map, and the tunnel and shaft connection at Lockwood.

MPo gave an update of works at the Ladycross Plantation site. He explained that the grouting phase was in progress.

- JM asked whether the plan was still to have two TBM's?
 - MPo responded that this was the baseline case and that it was currently under consideration.
- CW asked when the mine would be in production?
 - GE said that an update would be provided to the market in Spring next year.
- A member of the public asked whether the TBM crews were still travelling to Wilton or whether they were using Lockwood to access the tunnel now the access point is complete?
 - MPo replied that the crews would start using Lockwood for access later in the year but at the moment were using Wilton.
- A member of the public asked about how many SBR's there were and the final depths of the shafts?
 - MPo replied that there were two SBRs for sinking the main shafts to 1600m and the MTS shaft was being sunk using a drill and blast method to 340m.
- A member of the public asked whether the tunnel was going to be sprayed with concrete or whether it would be fully segmented?
 - MPo said the tunnel will be fully segmented for longevity.
- A member of the public asked about the water treatment plant and how much water was being seen whilst shaft sinking?
 - MPo said that there was very little, which is as expected.
- A member of the public asked whether the faults along the tunnel route were a concern?
 - MPo said that the MTS had already been through some faults and whilst there is an element of unknown risk, that it wasn't a concern.
- JM asked whether the ventilation shaft at Ladycross was required?
 - GE replied that it was for health and safety.
- CW asked about how many local people were employed?
 - MP stated that currently 75% of the 1300 total workforce were local but this was likely to fluctuate over the course of construction. He explained that the in operations the target was that at least 80% of the workforce would be local.
- RS asked for an update on the borehole remediation.
 - MPo said it would be the end of the year depending on when the rig becomes available.
- A member of the public asked whether the cranes have gone for good and whether the headframe would move?
 - MPo responded that there may be a need for a crane from occasionally and that the headframe would remain until the mine was operational.
- A member of the public said that very little looks like it is happening from the road as you pass.
 - MPo said that most of the work is happening underground.
- CW asked whether the buildings would be in keeping with the area?
 - GE confirmed that this was the case

6. Planning Conditions

RS reported that the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP) were fully up to date with respect to condition approvals but are continuing to do routine monitoring.

Section 106

BF gave an update of s106 projects explaining that hedgerow and walls have been a big focus along with tree planting. BF said that the National Lottery Heritage Fund had been granted for 'Birds on the Edge' and the Countryside stewardship scheme taking place in the Rosedale area could result in £800,000 with match funding. BF said they supported 'Fish and Ships' in Whitby with respect to tourism and there was an extensive tree planting scheme for the Core Policy D scheme planned for this winter.

- A member of the public asked whether tree planting in Scarborough could be funded?
 - BF replied that s106 funding was available for the National Park only
- CW asked whether the contributions from Anglo American to the Woodsmith Foundation would increase due to the construction lasting longer as it is so important to the community?
 - GE replied that Anglo American had committed to a million a year and will ensure it is well funded

7. Complaints

MP reported there had been eleven complaints since the last meeting. Five from Woodsmith, six at Ladycross. Three were traffic related and two were related to the coaches going through Ruswarp. In response, the coach numbers were halved, and the situation continued to be monitored. The other two related to parking issues at Hawsker which were being addressed. The six at Ladycross consisted of one about traffic and the others related to noise, which were currently being investigated. Noise monitoring showed that levels were within the permitted noise thresholds.

- Member of the public asked whether piling could be causing the noise.
 - MPo replied that it was being investigated.
 - RS said he would like to arrange a site meeting.

ACTION 1. MP to arrange a site visit to Ladycross for RS

- DR said that a section of common land had seemingly been cordoned off in Hawsker to try to deal with the parking problem and he reiterated that there was concern about this in the village.
 - MP replied that this would be investigated.

8. Community

MP gave a summary of Anglo American's social and economic development programme which included four main strands – Education, Livelihoods, Health and Neighbourhoods.

MP said that he would prepare a presentation about what has been done so far this year at the next meeting. He reported that 21 new businesses had been created as a result of a business start-up scheme. Seven cyber security apprentices were due to start with the company at the Scarborough office in the next month, which brought the total number of apprentices to 37.

9. A.O.B

MP gave an overview of the planning application for a temporary accommodation park, for members of the project construction team, at Ladycross Caravan Park.

- Member of the public asked how far it was from the village.
 - GE confirmed it was one mile away. WW explained that after 5 years it would return to be used as a caravan park and would be an improved tourism asset.

GE thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.