



Liaison Group Forum
Minutes of meeting: 16 January 2023, 11.00
Online

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 Sue Willmington (SW) – Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby PC
 Cllr Mike Holliday (MH) – Sneaton PC
 Cllr Glenn Goodberry (GG) – Scarborough Borough Council
 Cllr Guy Coulson (GC) – Scarborough Borough Council
 Cllr Neil Swannick (NS) – North Yorkshire County Council

3 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Introduction

GE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Kay, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr. Chance and Cllr. Nock

3. Minutes of previous meeting

No comments, minutes accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from previous meeting

ACTION 1: RS has visited the Ladycross site.

ACTION 2: MP to give presentation about social and economic development at the next meeting, to coincide with publishing the Woodsmith Social Investment Report.

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 good progress at the service shaft and that the aim was to be at the full depth at the MTS shaft within the next few months.

MPo reported that at the Lockwood Beck intermediate shaft site, the headhouse was now cladded and that operatives working on the mineral transport system would soon be accessing the tunnel from the Lockwood site.

MPo explained that the tunnel boring machine (TBM) had reached almost 21km following a maintenance period. MPo reported that at the Ladycross Plantation intermediate site, the cuttings lagoon, attenuation pond, pre grouting and secant pile wall works were complete. A pilot hole was currently being drilled which would be followed by shaft sinking.

- NS commented that as he was new to the role, he did not have the background knowledge of the project.

ACTION 1: MP to arrange to meet with Cllr Swannick.

- RS asked whether the winch house at Lockwood Beck site, which was built for the original shaft sinking method (pre blind boring), was being used.
 - MPo replied that it was being utilised for maintenance in the short term.
- GG asked about the current depth of each shaft
 - MPo replied that the service shaft was at approximately 340m of the 1580m total target depth, the production shaft was at 120m ready for the launch of the SBR and that the MTS shaft was at 267m of total target depth of 360m.

6. Planning update

Conditions

RS reported that the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNPA) were fully up to date with respect to the discharge of planning conditions and were continuing with ongoing monitoring. RS explained that a planning application had been received for temporary use of a strip of land adjacent to the site for the storage of excavated material and was currently in the consultation period.

Section 106

BF gave an update of s106 projects explaining that 46 hectares of woodland had been planted during the winter and that 260 hectares had been planted since the woodland creation programme had commenced. Saint Stephens church restoration project was ongoing with the recent installation of a bell. BF reported that a PHD student was interpreting lidar data to increase knowledge of the area's archeology and that the s106 was being updated to reflect the new NYMNPA management plan.

- WW asked whether the new local government structure would impact planning matters in relation to the project.
 - RS responded that there would be no change at NYMNPA level and its role as the planning authority for the project, but the detail about how NYMNPA would work with North Yorkshire Council were still being worked through.

7. Complaints

MP reported that twelve complaints had been received in Q4 2022. Six were related to the Woodsmith site (4 contractor parking in Hawsker, 1 lighting, 1 crane not using the approved route to site) and six were associated with the Ladycross site (5 works by Northern Powergrid's contractor to provide power to the site, 1 noise).

8. Community

MP informed the meeting that the Woodsmith Social Investment Report, detailing the social and economic benefits generated by the project and summarising community engagement, was due to be published in February.

ACTION 2: MP to present an overview of the report at the next meeting.

9. A.O.B

GE thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.