



Annual General Meeting, 19 May 2017: Minutes

Present: Lucy Harrison (Chair of TQRM Ltd), Ian Hartland (Director), Kate Garrett (Director), Richard Siddall (Director), 18 Residents and Business Unit Owners.

Apologies: Kerry Powell and Roger Wildsmith (Directors), Colin Harrison, Danny and Rosemary Clark-Lowes, Rosemary Vidler, Sheila Sunderland, David and Janet Selby

Official Business

New members were invited, as were any nominations to join the Directors, both of which can occur at any time.

Company Report

The meeting received the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016. These showed that the income received from the appeal to Residents and Business owners was £4509, with donations received from 30 residential units out of a possible 62, raising a sum of £ 1559, with further contributions from the Business Centre, LDNPA and Britains Energy Coast (BEC), owner of the Business units.

The guaranteed donation from BEC for 2017 is £2300, and LDNPA will donate a further 10% of the costs of road repairs undertaken in the same year.

The Chair reported on the work on road repairs in 2016, the majority of the costs of which were met by the Quarry businesses, to whom the meeting expressed thanks and appreciation.

Where do we go from here?

Kate Garrett discussed the question of the local Authority adopting the Quarry roads, a topic frequently raised by residents. Enquiries reveal that in order for this to be a possibility the current road conditions would need to be improved substantially (drainage, lighting, other infrastructure etc), all of which would lead to very considerable expenditure. There would still be no guarantee of adoption in the current political and economic climate.

It is important, therefore, that continue to raise sufficient funds to make progressive improvements to the Quarry roads network, which also, then, makes applications for further external monies and grants more likely to succeed. If, in the future, the national financial climate improves, our mutually funded improvements would make the possibility of adoption in the future more likely.

As the roads continue to experience every-day wear and tear questions were raised about the prevention of further damage, rather than simply repairing potholes etc as they arise. In order to plan the use of contributions from the Quarry in 2017 and how the sum raised can most usefully and efficiently utilised, the Directors have considered these preventative issues and presented the following suggestions to the meeting:

- to continue to repair pothole and other damage as it occurs
- to conduct a detailed survey of all the roads in the area in order to determine their condition and necessary longer term action for improvement
- to take the necessary measures to calm down the speed of traffic on the Quarry approach road from the B5322, thereby reducing road damage caused by the still excessive speed of some

vehicles. The proposal is to install the relevant number of 'chicanes' on appropriate parts of the road, *not* speed humps. To these it is proposed to add further speed warnings.

- to retain the recently filled potholes and other smoothing measures, funds will be needed to carry out top dressing on the approach road, where the traffic is heaviest. A representative from the business units indicated that any new businesses in the Centre are unlikely to generate high traffic volumes.
- to investigate further other safety issues; for example, visibility issues at the junction of Saddleback View with Chapel Road, where children on bicycles have been observed coming out of the junction rather too quickly
- with a balance in the company's accounts sufficient to fund the filling of some remaining potholes on the approach road, the meeting agreed that this would be a good use of the relevant sum. With the summer, potentially drier season approaching, it was agreed this should be a priority action.

The meeting was invited to approve a motion from the Chair, seconded by Kate Garrett, to pursue these actions and use monies generated from the 2017 appeal for these purposes. This was passed unanimously.

It was agreed that these and other issues in the Quarry require the attention of a project team to alert the Directors and other relevant residents and business owners to their nature and suggested action. For example, recent proposals from United Utilities for new works in the area have raised the possibility of the company's potential interest in considering bids for projects supporting community development. The Quarry is an easily defined community, so that the meeting agreed it would be potentially profitable for this to be investigated and a bid submitted.

David Lever volunteered to spearhead the development of a project team to consider these possibilities. Kate Garrett agreed to liaise with David to take this forward.

Website development

Ross MacDonald, of LakelandPC (unit 5 in the Business Centre) assured the meeting that the domain name for TQM Ltd has been secured. Richard Siddall and Denis Frost agreed to arrange a meeting with Ross to take this further to construct and write the relevant copy for a site to keep Quarry colleagues informed and act as a vehicle for discussion and news.

Appeal for 2017

The Chair asked the meeting if this year's appeal should be on the same terms as for 2016. That is, a request for £50 from Residents and £100 from the Business Units. This was unanimously agreed. The relevant letters and invitations to contribute will be issued shortly.

Any other Business

The meeting was assured that everyone is invited to the meetings of Directors. The relevant email addresses will be used to inform people of their date and location.

Date of next AGM

This will be at the same time of year in 2018

Richard Siddall, July 2017