



Annual General Meeting

13 September 2018

Minutes

Present: Lucy Harrison, Chair, Ian Hartland, Director, Richard Siddall, Director, Helen Lancaster, (LDNP), Director; 11 residents and business owners

Apologies: Bill Graham (BEC), Director, Denis Frost (company accountant), and a number of Quarry residents.

Membership: Noted 32 current members, to be reviewed and amended. No new member applications to be approved and appointed

Directors: Kate Garratt from BEC has left this position, and we welcome Bill Graham in her place. Kerry Powell from LDNP has also left this position and we welcome Helen Lancaster. Roger Wildsmith has resigned and has yet to be replaced.

The Chair of the company, Lucy Harrison, announced that she is stepping down from her role. The company has come a long way from its start and under her leadership a great deal of progress has been made, not only in the improvement of the roads, but also in the development of community relations in the Quarry. The Directors will be looking to appoint a new Chair to continue to the coordination of the wide variety of activities and future projects.

The meeting was pleased to note Lucy's continuing interest and involvement, building on her knowledge and experience over many years. The Directors will be seeking to identify someone to continue this leadership and commitment.

Accounts: In the absence of Denis Frost, Lucy presented the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017. These were noted and approved.

After recent repairs, there is approximately £300 in the company's account. However, following the recent 2018 appeal to residents and businesses this has increased to just over £1900, with further contributions promised. So far 30 residents have donated (out of a possible 62) with contributions from the Threlkeld Quarry and from 2 businesses, an improvement on this position in 2017.

LDNPA is committed to add 10% of what the company spends on road improvements in the financial year and BEC also contributes £100 for each of the 23 business units. Bill Graham will also write to the business units to encourage a more positive response to the 2018 Appeal, since every unit is a regular user of the approach road.

There is a question concerning the lack of donations from those residential units managed by the Housing Associations concerned. Who should we approach for their contributions? This will be addressed at an early meeting of the Directors.

In order to make it more manageable for residents to donate an annual £50 contribution, it was suggested that we offer the facility to pay through interest-free monthly sums by Direct Debit. This will be examined at the next Directors meeting.

Achievements and plans The TQRM website (www.tqrm.org.uk) has been constructed (a big thank you to Lakeland PC in the Business Centre) where there is a great deal of information about the company, reports, minutes of meetings etc. There is also a Threlkeld Quarry residents Facebook page. www.facebook.com/threlkeldquarry

The recent work, carried out by Tolsons, has repaired a considerable number of potholes, but the meeting noted that there are still several others to be repaired as soon as funds are available. About £6k is needed to fix those already mapped, but others will develop in the next few winter months.

The plans for the next 12 months include

- in February 2019 a group of Directors and others interested will walk the whole Quarry area and, as last year, visibly mark those potholes and other road imperfections which will require attention. A quote for the relevant repairs will then be obtained.
- in order to slow down fast moving vehicles approaching the Quarry from the B5322, it is planned to create "chicanes" using appropriately placed planters along the road. The current prominently placed 20mph signs have only a very limited effect.
- other ways to improve issues concerned with safety and appearance were discussed. This included attention at the junction of Saddleback View and Chapel Road where emerging young cyclists are potentially exposed to hazardous situations.
- in order to identify the Quarry as a defined and unique residential and business location, the Directors will examine the possibility of erecting a pair of (white?) gates at the entrance from the Thirlmere Road to make this as clear as possible. This is the start of a programme of activity (all ideas welcome) to encourage a community atmosphere and appearance.
- during the course of the year there is an increasing number of events and occasions where there is in excess of 25 vehicles entering the Quarry area. The Directors will examine the practicality of requesting a contribution towards the upkeep of the road from the organisers of and participants in these events.

Meetings

The Directors would like to remind all residents and businesses that their meetings are open to everyone. The relevant dates will be notified on the website and the on the notice board at the bottom of Chapel Road. Those who would like to raise a matter for discussion will be asked to notify Lucy Harrison for the first meeting - see below - after which a new Chair will be identified, who will receive any further matters for attention.

The next Directors meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th November 2018 to be held at 6 Glendermackin Terrace

The next AGM will be held on a date in September 2019.