

Threlkeld Quarry Road Management Ltd
Annual General Meeting held at LDNPA depot conference room
Wednesday 31 May 23. 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Directors present:

Peter Thurrell (chair), Bill Graham (declaration of interest as an employee of Britain's Energy Coast in connection with item 5), Helen Lancaster, Richard Siddall, Rosemary Vidler

Apologies:

Ian Hartland

TQRM admin:

Denis Frost, Wendy Thurrell

TQRM members and local residents

Peter Cordon, Julia Geddes, Gary Geddes, Barbara Siddall, Heather Titterington, Jane Martindale, Rosemary Burrill, Colin Burrill, Ellie Whiteford.

Britain's Energy Coast (re item 5):

Mike Lim (architect), Stephen Holland, Jody Ferguson, Bill Graham

1. Chair's introduction

Noting that AGMs have not been held in recent 'Covid' years, PT restated the modus operandi of TQRM for the benefit of all present.

2. Official Business

2.1 There have been no changes to the constitution of the company.

2.2 All non-member residents present were invited to become members of the company and thereby also to perhaps become directors of the company, if willing to positively assist the company in the furtherance of its aims and objectives.

The necessary membership forms were made available at the meeting.

3. Financial report

DF presented the company's detailed accounts for 2021 and 2022, noting that both years had been somewhat disrupted by the aftershocks of 2021 'Covid' lockdowns and that normal TQRM calendar had really only been resumed in October of 2022.

4. What Next ?

4.1 DF reported that our usual annual road survey had been carried out (back to normal calendar) in April 2023. Desirable repair sections had been spray-painted and quantified and those are still visible for all to see on our local tarmac. Subsequently, a quote had been received from our usual contractors in the amount of £14,000 (maximum)(including VAT) to complete all of the highlighted works.

4.2 Our annual call for contributions was sent out on Sun Monday 8th and 9th May and so could not yet be totally accounted for as at today's date, but the directors are confident that funds will be available to progress all of the works during this year.

5. BEC presentation

5.1 Mike Lim and Stephen Holland gave a Powerpoint presentation, illustrating details of the forthcoming BEC planning application, which aims to increase the Blencathra Business Centre by an extra seventeen business units, utilising the eastern ground space originally cleared for the intended (at the time) "Classic Desserts" company warehousing and offices, back in 2013, which had been approved by LDNPA, despite vigorous local opposition.

5.2 BEC stressed the commendable 'eco credentials' of the building design.

5.3 Immediate questions were raised by some of those present in respect of the inevitable increase in vehicle traffic, already the subject of previous concerns, and the imbalance of a much-enlarged business 'industrial estate' set against a small village community nowadays trying to recover from its 'quarry' heritage.

5.4 DF commented that the working days and hours of operation of the units should be restricted to Mon-Fri, 08.00am-6.00pm, and also that there was an obvious impact difference between an artist's studio and (say) a fast food delivery service.

5.5 BEC gave assurances that all concerns would hopefully be addressed in their application.

5.6 RS proposed that a Special General Meeting of TQRM should be held to properly discuss the matter when the planning application final details are formally made known to LDNPA.

Agreed by all present.

6.Open forum

Due to time constraints on the evening, this was deferred until the next normal meeting of TQRM.

Next meeting:

Date to be agreed.