



**Greystones Harbour Community Liaison Committee**  
**Meeting No. 6**  
**July 15<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Present:** Grainne McLoughlin (Mayor Greystones Town Council), Kathleen Kelleher (Wicklow County Council), Niall Ferns (Harbour Users Group), Marie Burbridge (Redford Park Residents Association), Tom Fortune (Greystones Protection & Development Association), Emer Singleton (Friends of Historic Rathdown), Laurence Byrne, (St. Kevin's School), Wesley Galloway (St. Patrick's National School), Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents), Derek Mitchell (Greystones Town Council), Derrick Mc Govern (Greystones Chamber of Commerce).

**Sispar:** Paraic Keogh, Brendan Sheehy, Olympia O'Dea, (Sispar); Tom Ryan (TMS Environment), David Mc Cullough (ADCO), John Crowley (Sisk-Lagan JV), Sean Mason (ARUP), Steve Mc Cormack (ARUP).

**Apologies:** Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council), Dr Chris Smal (Friends of Historic Rathdown), Paddy O'Rourke (Sispar), Ciaran Hayden (Greystones Chamber of Commerce).

1. **Minutes of meeting 26th May 2008**

**Minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008 to be amended. Amendments as follows:** In response to queries raised by Tom Fortune of the GPDA it was confirmed that the scale and layout of the casting yard is as outlined in the planning permission, that receipt of the archaeological licence for demolition of the existing pier was imminent and that the update of accident free hours at the site entrance had been reinstated following wind damage.

2. **Project development programme status**

Brendan Sheehy of Sispar informed the meeting about the project progress to date. Poor weather has affected progress in the last two weeks. He stated that the Cliff Road would be closed for a 10 week period commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Details of the road closure and alternative route were discussed; and the meeting was informed that notification of the road closure would be published in the local papers in the next days.

The purpose of the road closure is to facilitate the construction of a retaining wall and drainage outfall on the southern breakwater. Rock breaking will be required to facilitate these works. The duration of rockbreaking activities is dependent on the nature of rock encountered. Paraic Keogh stated that noise control measures would be put in place for rockbreaking activities.

Derek Mitchell enquired as to when piling activities will start. Brendan Sheehy stated that plans for piling were not yet finalised but it is expected that piling will commence in February or March 2009.

### **3. Environmental Monitoring**

Olympia O'Dea, Public Liaison Officer, gave a presentation on the environmental monitoring regime which is currently in place. A vast range of monitoring is ongoing including dust, noise, vibration, surface water, ground water, bathing water etc. Results to date were presented.

Ciaran Demery raised the issue of noise and vibration monitoring and how the monitors are set up. Tom Ryan from TMS Environment was present and explained in great detail how the continuous noise and vibration monitors are set up. A specific presentation will be given on this topic at the next meeting.

Slight exceedances of guideline values for dust and noise were recorded. Corrective actions are being implemented, monitored and enforced by Sispar and representatives from the environmental consultancy firm TMS Environment.

It was reported again at this meeting that many of the dust gauges which are placed along the inside of heras fencing which is erected along the cliff walkway are still being interfered with. Some gauges were damaged or removed and have been replaced on numerous occasions to date.

Emer Singleton raised the issue of asthma sufferers in the St. Crispin's area. Olympia O'Dea stated that the issue was raised with the environmental consultant and the outcome was that there is no risk to public health in St. Crispin's area. Emer Singleton also enquired about bathing water results. Olympia O'Dea stated that the loss of the Blue Flag Beach status at the South Beach was based on bathing water quality results for 2007 prior to the commencement of the development. All environmental monitoring results are filed and stored in the Public Liaison Office for public viewing.

### **4. Questions and answers**

Laurence Byrne from St. Kevin's National School thanked Sispar for accommodating a site visit for the 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils which took place on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

He made enquiries as to the status of the items raised during the meeting between Sispar representatives, Sean Quirke, and representatives from St. Kevin's National School. Brendan Sheehy stated that Sean Quirke would deal with these issues on his return. Kathleen Kelleher stated that a constituent had contacted her in relation to road markings.

Marie Burbridge informed the meeting that her neighbour wished to make a complaint about vibration. Olympia O'Dea recorded the complainants' details and assured Marie that this complaint would be followed up accordingly.

She also enquired as to whether the batching plant area which has been surfaced with tar-macadam could be converted into an all weather tennis court or roller blading arena in future. Grainne Mc Loughlin stated that an area for the dry docking of boats could be put in place around this area also but of course this would have to be subject to planning approval. This was seconded by Kathleen Kelleher.

The issue of the incident at the Killinacarrig roundabout when a boulder fell off a truck was raised by Tom Fortune. Brendan Sheehy explained to the meeting what happened that day. As a result of the incident a revised method statement and risk assessment was submitted to Sisk Lagan JV. Kathleen Kelleher requested additional information on the alterations which have been made to the trailers carrying rock armour. John Crowley from Sisk Lagan JV explained that they have been altered with the addition of RSJs and all boulders are now strapped. He circulated photographs of a truck which has been altered. The subcontractor concerned had to notify the Health and Safety Authority about this incident as it is classified as a dangerous occurrence.

The issue of speeding trucks was also raised. Niall Ferns stated that the police are the enforcing body to deal with this not Sispar. Olympia O'Dea stated that Sisk Lagan JV have been instructed to issue a toolbox talk to all truck drivers in relation to safe driving, obeying speed limits etc. Niall Ferns also stated that the local Gardai are invited to attend the meeting. This was confirmed by Sispar.

Ciaran Demery raised the issue of coastal protection works and beach nourishment. It was stated that a commitment was made to lay 30,000m<sup>3</sup> during the construction phase. To date 10,000 m<sup>3</sup> has been put in place. The rest will be placed during the remainder of the construction programme.

Olympia O'Dea made a request that all present inform the people they represent to be courteous and polite when visiting the public liaison office as a number of aggressive callers have visited in recent times.

##### **5. Date and location for next meeting.**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008 at 6p.m. on site at Greystones Harbour Development. The Harbour Users meeting is scheduled to take place before this meeting.

