



## **Greystones Harbour Community Liaison Committee Meeting No. 8**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008**

**Present:** Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council), Grainne McLoughlin (Greystones Town Council), Marie Burbridge (Redford Park Residents Association), Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents), Niall Ferns (Coastguard) Derek Mitchell (Greystones Town Council), Ciaran Hayden (Greystones Chamber of Commerce). Mary Egan (Harbour residents) Sean Whooley (Rathdown Park Residents Association). Dr Chris Smal (Friends of Historic Rathdown)

**Sispar:** Paraic Keogh, Brendan Sheehy, , Catherine Rogers, Tom Ryan (TMS Environment), Niall Brady (ADCO), Seamus Sorohan (Sisk-Lagan JV), Sean Mason (ARUP), Steve McCormack (Arup)

**Apologies:** Kathleen Kelleher (Wicklow County Council), Tom Fortune (Greystones Protection & Development Association), Paddy O Rourke (Sispar)

1. The meeting was opened by Sean Quirke. The new Public Liaison Officer Catherine Rogers was introduced to the meeting.

Paraic Keogh congratulated all concerned in the recent gold medal win by Greystones at the International Awards for Liveable Communities in China . The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with the attendance of Sean Whooley noted.

### **2. Project development programme status**

Project progress to date was discussed. Brendan Sheehy (Sispar) informed the meeting that since the last meeting a lot of time & resources have been spent in assessing & implementing preventative measures to minimise further storm damage. Temporary works and protective measures have been put in place & have proven effective so this was time well spent and the team is confident these measures will be effective, however the programme is approximately 3 months behind and progress is very much dependent on weather conditions going forward. Works to the shore line in the inner harbour have progressed well in the last month

Ciaran Demery (North Beach residents) voiced concern regarding these delays and that time lost has not been recovered with the result that Sispar are constantly losing time. Brendan Sheehy responded that these delays could not have been foreseen. Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents) stated that this situation leaves the residents in limbo with regard to the overall programme which impacts on residents to which Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council) responded that all parties are concerned with delays and residents will be kept informed at these meetings.

Grainne McLoughlin (Greystones Town Council) asked when work would start on the club houses, Brendan Sheehy (Sispar) advised that this is currently

scheduled for the end of January and is dependant on progress to the south breakwater and that all residents will be given 3-4 weeks notice prior to the commencement of piling which will take approximately 2-3 days.

### **3. Environmental Monitoring**

Mr Tom Ryan, TMS Environment Ltd gave a presentation on the environmental monitoring regime which is currently in place. Special attention was given to noise and vibration in this presentation. The monitoring results to date were presented. Copies of the presentation were given to all at the meeting. An exceedance in Dust Monitoring at D'Arcy's field was noted in the month of October during one off demolition works, corrective measures have been taken and visual inspections show that dust is now back to expected levels. Exceedances in Community Noise Monitoring were mainly attributed to dart and car horns but there were some site activity attributable also – corrective measures have now been put in place. Also readings for N3 were analysed, exceedances here were attributed to loose plastic sheeting blowing in the wind, and sheeting has now been removed. Some exceedances in the vibration monitoring had been noted. These were due to the monitors being surrounded by sand bags for stability, some of these sand bags had been removed, causing the monitors to become unstable, monitors are now fixed in place with a steel plate as a corrective measure in order to give more accurate readings going forward.

TMS advised that additional noise monitoring would be implemented during piling activity alongside the existing method. Ciaran Demery (North beach Residents) agreed that he is satisfied this will give a more accurate reading and this method will only be analysed either when a complaint is received or during piling activity.

Mary Egan (Harbour residents) stated she is disappointed that this method has not been used to date, she had reported noise issues to Yvonne McCaffery (Sispar) who dealt with her enquiry and had data furnished to Mary as per her request. Tom Ryan (TMS) explained as the L1 gives an indication of high-level noise only and asked had Mary received the report & explanatory letter. Mary advised that she had received this data but had not absorbed it yet

It was noted by Derek Mitchell (Greystones Town Council) that as he had suggested, the presentation given at the last meeting is now available on the website.

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

Dr Smal(Friends of Historic Rathdown) queried whether the final Archaeological report on the demolition of Gap Bridge was complete. Niall Brady (ADCO) advised that the report is not yet complete. Dr Smal asked if this report would be made available on completion. Niall Brady said it would.

Paraic Keogh (Sispar) stated that he had met with the owner of Diva Restaurant (Tara O'Grady) regarding the hoarding and it has been agreed that rather than using Sispar hoarding, some images of the old harbour, history and a "did you know" section will be used. This should be completed in around 2 weeks.

Grainne McLoughlin (Greystones Town Council) noted that the harbour area looks a little dirty & unkempt, Mary Egan seconded this. Paraic Keogh (Sispar) stated that the area will be kept clean and that the new hoarding will assist in the general overall appearance of the harbour.

A request for the erection of a brown information sign indicating the new access route to the North Beach was made. Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council) advised that this is forthcoming but that the location has not yet been finalised.

A query was raised regarding drainage solutions in the long term. Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council) stated that a study on how the existing drainage would link in is required, some issues have been identified and WCC are in the process of addressing these.

Mary Egan (Harbour residents) voiced her concerns regarding piling and the possibility of residents having to vacate their homes at short notice should the noise become unbearable. Brendan Sheehy (Sispar) advised that Sispar are currently exploring all the available options in relation to piling techniques. Noise emissions from proposed piling rigs are currently being investigated in order to ensure that this operation is carried out with minimum disruption to residents.. There will be 2-3 days piling for the club houses towards the end of January and residents will be given 3-4 weeks notice prior to commencement of these works. Mary Egan (Harbour residents) stated that she feels this will be very difficult to achieve, Brendan Sheehy (Sispar) reiterated that Sispar are looking at and will employ all possible preventative measures.

Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents) requested information on the outflow pipe North of his property. Brendan Sheehy (Sispar) advised that this drain would be diverted as part of the overall project.

Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents) voiced his concerns that the pile of dredged materials stored near the outfall at the North wall may slide in bad weather over the Christmas period and could impact on the 900mm storm outfall. Brendan Sheehy (Sispar) noted this and stated that he will examine same.

A query regarding emergency cover of Christmas was raised. Brendan Sheehy (Sispar) advised that there will be 24 hour Security in place and that security would have the relevant site personnel numbers.

Ciaran Demery expressed concern at the level of beach nourishment which has been lost to the sea and at the level to which the sea has encroached over the beach north of Gap Bridge. Sispar responded that the beach nourishment programme is an ongoing process during and after construction and that surveys are in place to monitor this process.

Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council) advised that these measurements are only an indication at present and will have increased relevance post construction once the harbour & groin are in place. The monitoring regime is agreed and in place. Sean Mason (Arup) advised that the September Report has been carried out and received. Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents) requested a copy of the report. Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council) advised that this had been noted and would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ciaran Demery (North Beach Residents) also voiced concern over the cliff face adjacent to where concrete blocks have been stored in the casting yard . Sispar and Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council) advised that RPS Engineers had

carried out an assessment of this and that there was no immediate danger. Ongoing monitoring will be carried out to ensure the situation remains safe.

Sean Quirke (Wicklow County Council) notified all present that there would be no work taking place on site between 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> January. It was queried whether access would be available, Brendan Sheehy advised that security will be present at all times over the period to allow access or to report any issues;

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

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 6p.m. on site at Greystones Harbour Liaison Office. The Harbour Users meeting is scheduled to take place before this meeting.

