

Minute

Subject: Site Recovery Group Meeting

Venue: Library, St Ambrose Campus, Coatbridge

Date: Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 4.30pm

Attendees: Terry Currie DL (Chair)
 Dr Christine Davidson (Independent scientific advisor)
 Michael McGinley, Head teacher, Buchanan High School
 Ellen Douglas, Head teacher, St Ambrose High School
 Kate Robb, Parent council, St Ambrose HS
 Mark McQuade, Parent council, St Ambrose HS
 Katrina McGhie, Parent council, Buchanan HS
 Frances Mullen, Buchanan HS
 Andrea Ford, Parent, St Ambrose HS
 Angela Boyd, SSTA
 Louise Brown, NASUWT
 Sharon Harvey, UNISON
 Bernard Bell, NASUWT
 Josh Petrie, Pupil, Buchanan HS
 Demi Kelly, Pupil, Buchanan HS

Also present: Matt Costello, North Lanarkshire Council
 Chris Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council
 Andrew McPherson, North Lanarkshire Council

Apologies: Gerard McLaughlin, North Lanarkshire Council
 Father Michael Kane, Chaplain, St Ambrose HS
 Paul Breslin, Parent, St Ambrose HS
 Niamh Carroll, Pupil, St Ambrose HS
 Hannah Cunningham, Pupil, St Ambrose HS
 Stephen Penman, North Lanarkshire Council

Scribe: Margaret Sharp, North Lanarkshire Council

Item	Subject	Action
1&2.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Colleagues were welcomed to the group and apologies were noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Minute of last Meeting</p> <p>Previous minute was agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Drinking water - Signage for children with Additional Support Needs have now been designed and is in place in several areas throughout buildings. Any isolated issues regarding signage are being addressed by C Sullivan.</p> <p>In air testing – See item 8.</p> <p>PCB hotspot – A McPherson advised that all issues have now been addressed.</p> <p>Buchanan HS staff representation – parent council have made a statement expressing concern that Buchanan HS are not properly represented. Mr Scott (NASUWT) stated that he felt membership was unfair. Chair clarified that S Penman was dealing with TU officials. He also advised that a representative from the trade union at Buchanan should be represented at meetings. It was identified that both schools suffered due to campus issues but that these have now been positively addressed.</p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Water Quality</p> <p>In line with the recommendations of the Independent Review, further sampling has now been carried out by water quality consultants, Glasgow Scientific Services and Scottish Water. C Sullivan distributed a water Risk Assessment report (condensed version). Details of the recommendations from the consultants, together with a copy of the full report, to be provided to the SRG.</p> <p>Queries were raised regarding water quality and ongoing work. It was advised that workmen are on site daily for ongoing testing and remedial work and not specifically due to concerns regarding the water. It was confirmed that the water is entirely clear but that NLC will continue with its current water management regime.</p> <p>CS confirmed that HTs are notified weekly of contractors scheduled to be on site however contractors will also be on site for routine maintenance.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Settlement Plan</p> <p>A report was circulated by C Sullivan showing site settlement and impact on drainage and confirmed that all contamination issues have now been resolved.</p> <p>Review panel highlighted a further 2 areas for investigation which have also proven to be safe. A brief discussion ensued regarding quality of top soil. A McPherson to check paperwork to track soil origin.</p> <p>NLC taking a proactive approach, with drainage issues on site being undertaken every 2 days. Discussions are ongoing with Balfour Beattie regarding this issue. Further details to be fed back to group at next meeting.</p> <p>C Sullivan reassured the group that the drainage and water supply systems were 2 entirely different systems and therefore one should not adversely impact on the other. Although unable to commit to a timescale, an early resolution to this problem is sought by the group.</p> <p>A settlement plan paper was distributed and discussed by C Sullivan. This document shows early indications only and will become more populated as information/data becomes available over the next few months.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Gas Membrane</p> <p>Indications show that the gas membrane remains impenetrable, although NLC have put additional security measures in place to confirm. Air quality tests confirm that that the air quality is well within the required standards. .</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the group refer back to the original review report to re-examine and make sure that all items are being addressed.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Air Monitoring</p> <p>Testing for volatile organic compounds has now taken place (20 separate 30 minute air samples) from across the campus. A further 4 diffuser tubes were also left, however, these are no longer in situ and will need to be reset to obtain passive samples.</p> <p>B Bell asked if the group could have a list of what was tested for. A McPherson happy to provide to group and to include in summary report at next SRG.</p> <p>B Bell also highlighted some areas of concern regarding emissions in several areas throughout the Buchanan site. Chair asked that a list of these areas be emailed to him for further exploration.</p>	

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	<p>Agreement from group that outcome from air sampling will be discussed at next meeting and a decision will then be taken as to whether the 4 diffuser tubes should be reinstated.</p>	
9.	<p>Communication – SRG Website</p> <p>Website should be fully operational by Christmas.</p> <p>Chair advised that he hoped to meet with the school pupils on the group to discuss their involvement etc. Terry to organise with Head Teachers.</p> <p>Hopeful that the first post of the site will be a 'blog-type' post in the form of an interview with the Chair of the group.</p> <p>Margaret to email group mailing list to Chair.</p>	
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Meeting will take place in the library at St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge on Tuesday 10th December 2019 (earlier starting time of 4.30pm).</p>	