

**Minute**

**Subject:** Site Recovery Group Meeting

**Venue:** Library, St Ambrose Campus, Coatbridge

**Date:** Tuesday 15 September 2020

**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  
 James McParland – Head teacher, St Ambrose High School (from October 2020)  
 Kathleen Robb, Parent council, St Ambrose HS  
 Mark McQuade, Parent council, St Ambrose HS  
 Frances Mullen, Buchanan HS  
 Andrea Ford, Parent, St Ambrose HS  
 Louise Brown, NASUWT  
 Sharon Harvey, UNISON  
 Bernard Bell, NASUWT  
 Paul Breslin, Parent, St Ambrose HS  
 Louise Elliot, Pupil, St Ambrose HS  
 Gabriel Kinta, Pupil, St Ambrose HS

**Also present:** Stephen Penman, North Lanarkshire Council  
 Martine Ryan, North Lanarkshire Council  
 Chris Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council  
 Matt Costello, North Lanarkshire Council  
 Gerard McLaughlin, North Lanarkshire Council  
 Andrew McPherson, North Lanarkshire Council

**Scribe:** Martine Ryan, North Lanarkshire Council

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies</b> Colleagues were welcomed to the group, no apologies noted.	
2.	<b>Minute of last meeting</b> Group agreed minute of last meeting.	
3.	<b>Matters arising</b> EIS members private testing – Bernard Bell had no notification of this. Chair suggested if there had been any concerns it would have been raised.	
4.	<b>Presentation on heavy metals – Dr Christine Davidson</b> Dr Christine Davidson presented on heavy metal, and asked for any questions.  Chair asked how this relates to the site, and had the amount found on site at any point concerned Dr Davidson, to which she advised she'd had no concerns regarding heavy metal.  BB asked for copy of presentation and figures for arsenic. BB has figures for staff tested.	

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Water quality</b>                  Stephen Penman shared presentation covering items 5-8.</p> <p>SP advised that since March NLC has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, contractors had staff furloughed and working had to be safe</p> <p>Water quality – Chris Sullivan advised that work had not stopped on water quality as the janitorial staff had continued with flushing. Testing was done prior to kids returning to school and risk assessments undertaken. Work is continuing on site.</p> <p>Paul Breslin asked in regard to janitorial staff carrying out flushing, what is long term plan for this? CS confirmed that this would be the long term plan as it is a requirement of a building this size as some areas which are not regularly used can cause issue if this work is not completed.</p> <p>Chair asked about drainage work from end 2019/beginning 2020. CS confirmed draining work to main line is all complete, problems with the secondary line are due to be worked on September weekend/October week. Balfour Beattie has confirmed that they will deal with any drainage issues.</p> <p>BB raised issue that pupils cannot access drinking water as all water coolers say do not drink. CS stated that water coolers continue to operate within the school – CS advised that HT should contact him to get this resolved. Michael McGinlay advised that engineers where to fix water coolers were delayed due to Covid-19.</p> <p>Chair asked MMcG how things where on site. MMcG advised that school was used as hub school and apart from water cooler issue all positive.</p> <p>Fr Kane asked if more recent problems where restricted to drainage, to which CS confirmed that is only thing they have been made aware of. MMcG confirmed he had asked his staff and no other concerns.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Gas membrane</b>                  CS advised that an element of work was not done as the contractor could not get the parts needed. It should be completed over the October break.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Air monitoring</b>                  Andrew McPherson advised that air samples has continually been ???                  During period of 17 January to 6 March there was positive sampling at the 6 locations across both sites, details of which are on the website.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Settlement plan</b>                  CS advised that work would continue over 12 months, currently at stage 2 of settlement plan which is on schedule. Settlement plan will be communicated at end.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Communications – update on website</b>                  SP showed the website to the group. Spoke at last meeting regarding sharing content on social media after this meeting.                  Chair asked members of the group to take time to go on and look at the website.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Michael McGinlay, Buchanan High – Perception and confidence indicators</b>                  MMcG presented to the group showing positive responses from parents, pupils and a positive HMIE inspection in November 2019. Presentation will be available to the group. This replicated the results from St Ambrose presentation at the last meeting how positive pupils are about their school.</p> <p>Parent and pupil representatives to the group from both schools agreed with this.</p>	

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Report to Education and Families</b> Chair advised that he is keen to formally report to NLC on the following points – background; establishment of Independent Review from the Scottish Government; Establishment of Site Recovery Group; Progression of points from the independent review. Chair will produce report and bring to the next meeting for the group to agree.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Tuesday 17 November 2020	