

CORNISH LITHIUM COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP
THURSDAY 2ND MAY – TRELITH

1. Welcome from Pat Forward, Chief Operating Officer. He introduced other members of the team:

Jason Earl – Quarry Manager & Trelith Site Manager with responsibility for health and safety, and environmental issues

John Vine – community liaison consultant

Chloe Bayliss – Stakeholder Engagement Co-ordinator

Mark (didn't get surname) recently recruited - internal & external communications

Community representatives introduced themselves and said who they were representing.

2 & 3. Purpose and terms of reference for group agreed. Dick Cole asked that St Endor Parish Council be included in the list from which membership will be drawn.

4. Trelavour Project Update

very similar presentation to the one given at the Annual Meeting.

a) Studies underway including:

ESIA (Environmental Social Impact Assessment) – looks at how the project will affect the local community and wider afield, reassurance to investors that the project will not bring them into disrepute

Feasibility study – includes lots of elements to ensure that it is viable

b) Demonstration plant being built at Trelith in one of the old buildings and will cost £6m. Will be used to separate the mica from the crushed rock physically; the lithium hydroxide (and by-products) will be separated from the mica chemically. Waste will be taken off site but not clear where it will go. Once process has been proven and fine-tuned work will begin on the processing plant to be completed in 2026 which will cost approx £300m
Visitor centre, labs and staff welfare facilities will be completed in a month or so.

c) Pointy and Flatty geotechnical update

Independent studies done. Needed to ensure safety of workers and users of the permissive path in both the short and long term. Summary document being finalised and will be shared.

Skytips consist of loose, unconsolidated material which was allowed to settle as it wanted. There are issues with Pointy. Slip on south side in 2009 which had stabilised and re-vegetated by 2018; white areas higher up show recent slippage. Lower level in pit shows erosion on south flank, but no immediate danger. The skytips are kept under observation with daily inspections as changes in weather/climate (more rain in winter, drought in summer) can impact them.

d) Drilling campaign continues to check amount of lithium in the ground, quality of the rock, and water flows across the site.

AOB

Community Fund Event at Kresen Kernow on 16th May 1.30-4.00pm

Fund re-opens in May for small grants of £200-£500

Next meeting in July (date to be confirmed) in the Trelith Visitor Centre

Sharron Kelsey