



SCA Community Consultation Forum
Prudhoe Mill

15th April 2010

Present:	Tony Richards Alison Rishworth John Bone Jim Smith Daniel Gribben	Factory & Site Manager, SCA Human Resources Manager, SCA Site Services Engineer Environment & Energy Leader Engineer
Minutes:	Hazel Noble	PA to Tony Richards, SCA
	Tony Bradley, Anna Graham Tony Mitcham Peter Nevin Paul MacDonald Alan Steedman	Bradley O'Mahoney PR, representing SCA Bradley O'Mahoney PR, representing SCA Wylam Parish Council Prudhoe Parish Council (co -opted) Ovingham Parish Council NCC Business Development Team
Apologies:	Ian Hall Mike Senior Les Embleton Keith Laidler Amy Davison	Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council Horsley Parish Council Northumberland Fire & Rescue Northumberland Fire & Rescue Bradley O'Mahoney PR, representing SCA

Tony Richards opened the meeting and welcomed everyone once more to Prudhoe Mill. Meeting apologies were read out and the minutes from October 2009 were agreed and accepted.

Agenda

Site Development

John bone talked about the problems suffered on site following severe weather conditions over the winter period, we had many areas that needed attention i.e. paving slabs had lifted in widely used walkways causing safety issues, the work was carried out as soon as it was safe to do so and the walkway had been re-surfaced to a good safety standard. Tony Richards pointed out that the Health & Safety Executive have very high-demanding standards and SCA are responsible to carry out such work to meet these standards. High winds have also given problems regarding the amount of litter scattered around site not helped by the high volume of paper stock.

John said that we were now preparing for the summer season one of the projects was landscaping the substation at the east end of site (Unifibres) Tony added that we continually work to improve areas on our site across the year.

Investment Project

Alison introduced Daniel Gribben - SCA apprentice who had worked his way up from a three year apprenticeship attaining his degree and then offered a permanent engineering role by SCA.

Daniel Gribben gave a presentation on the following:

Prudhoe Mill - Investment Award for the installation of a new Converting Line.

Daniel said the new line gave the Mill the opportunity to supply products for our Away from Home business (AFH). Winning this investment within SCA Europe was a huge vote of confidence in Prudhoe mill proving that we deliver results.

Paul McDonald asked Daniel how he felt about working for SCA and Daniel replied that he thought SCA to be an excellent company to work for and that he felt privileged to be chosen to work on the new investment installation.

Peter Nevin added that he thought the SCA apprenticeships gave wonderful opportunities to local young people in an area that greatly needed such opportunity.

Environmental Update

Jim Smith updated the group on the performance of the mill against government CO2 emissions targets and other climate change legislation. The mill has active energy reduction initiatives ranging from awareness programmes around turning off un-necessary lights and motors to major investments in low energy technology.

Noise remains an issue for the mill, 8 complaints were received in 2009 the same as 2008. There is an active noise management program in place.

Waste management programmes resulted in a reduction of 50% going to landfill, while water discharges to the river fell by over 10%

Community PR Activity

Anna Graham gave a presentation and an update on activities and press coverage on the following items:

National Apprentice Service (NAS)

SCA Apprentice Scheme

Prudhoe High School Engineering Partnership

Donation to Tyne Valley Cycling Club – Tour of Derwent Professional Cycle Race

SCA support research into dementia awareness with Newcastle University

Tree planting at Derwent Reservoir with local school children and Northumbrian Water

Hexham Pride of Tynedale Awards' Headline Sponsorship

Corbridge Pre-School Donation

Prudhoe Gymnastics Club Donation

Local Community Update

Peter Nevin gave an update for the Prudhoe area:

Go North East buses were successfully improving the transport services in the area and also improvements were being made in rail service i.e. fast ticket machines, extra staff to support

Tree planting in the Cockshaw Dene – this had received tremendous local support

Highfield BMX Event – a great success

Paul MacDonald commended SCA with their apprentice programme and said they are a 'shining light' to be held up to other employers in our area.

Tony Mitcham updated for the Wylam area:

County Council landslip repairs at Hagg Bank discussed at the last meeting - now underway.

Wylam Summer Fete – planning now taking place

Tree planting in Wylam area - T. Richards offered to help support this, Tony Mitcham to contact Stewart Begg at Prudhoe Mill.

Alan Steedman's update - SCA are one of 5 companies in Tynedale with whom NCC work closely with as part of our Strategic Account Management Programme. All of these companies are doing well.

He then went on to say that it had just been announced that the Daisy Group who earlier in the year purchased BNS Telecom in Prudhoe, will be retaining the Prudhoe site. There had been a possible risk that the activity would be relocated to another Daisy site.

Any Other Business

Tony Bradley offered to set up a meeting between Tony Richards and Andrew Jones – Project Officer at Prudhoe Community Partnership.

Date of Next Meeting Date

2.30 Thursday 14th October 2010