

**Dolyhir, Strinds and Gore Quarries
Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes
Held at Dolyhir Quarry, 6pm 13th November 2019**

- 1) Attendance:** Michael Jones (Cllr and Chair)
Evan Jones (Cllr)
Keith Morgan (Cllr)
Nesta Cooke - Local Resident Representative
Mike Jones – Unit Manager, Dolyhir Quarry
Malcolm Lawer – Head of Strategic Planning
- 2) Apologies:** Trevor Bell (Cllr) - Old Radnor Community Council
Richard Burden (Cllr)
Dan Sylvester - Quarry Manager, Dolyhir Quarry
Lewis Jenkins - Quarry Manager, Gore Quarry
- 3)** Minutes from the previous meeting were available and approved.

4) Unit Manager's Report.

Dolyhir.

Mike Jones (MJ) explained that A Griffiths are carrying out the extension work in the north of Dolyhir Quarry. MJ informed the meeting that A Griffiths was now owned by CRH and that was why they have been appointed to carrying out the work. MJ also inform the meeting that there is a contract crush team working in Dolyhir Quarry; producing 20/5 any agg for concrete plants.

Evan Jones (EJ) asked why the agricultural lime was limited to customers this year and how much lime was left in the quarry. MJ explained that it was limited because of difficulties accessing limestone in Strinds Quarry due to stocks and working faces that had a combination of gritstone and limestone.

Malcolm Lawer (ML) explained that there are still substantial reserves of limestone in Strinds Quarry but confirmed MJ's comments re access.

Gore.

MJ updated the meeting on the Gore's activities as Lewis Jenkins was unable to attend. MJ explained that Gore had been working on their blast design to reduce vibration at the

properties at Upper and Lower Sunny bank and using these results to improve vibration when blasting close to other properties.

5) Estates and Planning Matters.

Dolyhir

ML informed the meeting of the temporary diversion route of the public footpath in the extension area stating where it runs and how it must go back to the original route before it is permanently diverted to the new route.

ML also explained proposals for diverting and creating other footpaths in the area of the northern extension and that they would accord with the planning permission.

Gore

ML informed the meeting of the necessity to vacate Upper and Lower Sunnybank due to blasting very close to the properties and that it hadn't been handled particularly well by Tarmac. ML also confirmed that despite rumours circulating locally, no other Tarmac tenants would be affected.

ML updated the meeting on the footpath diversions, explaining that the new route of the footpaths had been agreed in principle with Powys County Council Rights of Way and in consultation with Trevor Bell, and that Tarmac would now be seeking consent for the diversions.

6) Complaints.

Complaint raised by Richard Burden on behalf of the local residents. A telephone line is being stretched by vegetation causing the line to be under strain and concern that it is likely to fail at some point. The line runs along the side of the road from Sunnybank to Green Lane. MJ to investigate if the vegetation be cut back from the phone line.

Nesta Cooke (NC) raised a complaint about the noise that comes from the lime plant at night when the door is left open on the crusher house. MJ to investigate and ensure the door is kept shut.

NC raised a concern about flooding of the brook onto the road between the Dolyhir plant site and her house and asked if the Quarry could do anything to prevent this. There followed a discussion about what may be causing the brook to back up, including maintenance of the brook and the size of pipes leading into the culverted section of the brook. MJ to investigate and keep NC informed.

7) Matters arising.

Keith Morgan referred to an email from Tracy Price (Clerk to the Community Council), referring to the road condition outside the entrance to Dolyhir Quarry and the lack of road markings on the junction with the C1335. The email Stephen Lee Smith (Powys CC) that he would first be discussing with Tarmac and see if there is any opportunity to have Tarmac undertake the resurfacing works similar to the arrangement at Gore Quarry. With regards to the road markings, he has requested the white lining team to attend as soon as possible and also requested that his sign team look into erecting give way signs on the junction.

ML reported that Ray Westcott, who lives at Upper Sunnybank, had registered concern that no information comes out of the Liaison Committee and there was a lack of representation from the south side of Gore Quarry. Committee agreed to invite Ray Westcott to attend the Committee as a local resident representative. ML to inform Ray.

It was also agreed that the Committee minutes should be circulated as soon as possible after the meeting and placed on the Community Council website.

Michael Jones raised concern that the hedges and verges along to road to Weythal needed trimming. Hedges towards Dolyhir Row also mentioned. MJ to meet Micheal Jones and arrange trimming.

8) Any other business,

MJ stated that Dolyhir washing dust for the resurfacing of Silverstone race track was successful and all went well.

MJ advised that a stone was donated to Kington High School for the remembrance of those who attended lady Hawkins school and died in the two world wars.

9) Date of next meeting:

6pm, 13th May 2020 at Dolyhir Quarry office