



**Dolyhir, Strinds and Gore Quarries
Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes
Held at Dolyhir Quarry, 6pm 14th Jan 2021**

1) Attendance: Lewis Jenkins - Quarry Manager, Dolyhir Quarry
Ryan Thomas – Assistant Quarry Manager – Gore Quarry
Evan Jones (Cllr)
Keith Morgan (Cllr)
Richard Burden (Cllr)
Kevin Powell (Cllr)

2) Apologies: Trevor Bell (Cllr) - Old Radnor Community Council)
Mike Jones – Unit Manager, Dolyhir Quarry
Malcolm Lawer – Head of Strategic Planning
Michael Jones (Cllr and Chair)
Nesta Cooke - Local Resident Representative

3) Minutes from the previous meeting were available and approved.

4) Quarry Manager's Report.

Dolyhir.

Lewis Jenkins (LJ) explained that A Griffiths have partly completed the phase 1b strip at the extension work in the north of Dolyhir Quarry. Footpath works and tip remedial work will be conducted in the next few months.

Currently no Limestone sales due to large stocks sat on in situ Lime in Strinds quarry – access.

The quarry is applying for a new RAP permit, this will allow the unit to process and sell RAP, internally and externally.

The road outside the quarry is becoming a dangerous area, when our large vehicles are passing from Dolyhir quarry. The road going cars are traveling at high speeds and the quarry has contacted the council to monitor the road.

Gore.

LJ 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.

The trials have been successful and there has been a huge amount of investment spent on controlling this.

Evan Jones, Richard Burden complimented the new footpath. Lewis Jenkins highlighted that many of the residents have also complimented Tarmac on the footpath.

Richard Burden thanked Tarmac for installing and repairing the fence line between his land and Tarmac's land.

5) Estates and Planning Matters.

Dolyhir

LJ 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 – this is the area that Griffiths will be working on in a couple of weeks.

Phase 2 of the strip will commence in the dryer months, from March onward.

Gore

LJ stated that Upper and Lower tenants are back in the properties.

LJ 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 the footpath has now been constructed.

6) Complaints.

Keith Morgan raised concerns regarding increased noise levels from the quarry. Lewis Jenkins stated that Dolyhir hasn't had complaints, but we have had residents calling Mike Jones to discuss that they can hear the noise more than usual.

We have agreed with the local resident that the pecking operation will be limited to lower benches in the early hours.

Keith Morgan commented on the local brook raised a concern about flooding of the brook onto the road between the Dolyhir plant site and the local 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. LJ to investigate.

7) Matters arising.

Richard Burden reported that Ray Westcott, who lives at Upper Sunnybank, had registered concern that nobody had invited Ray Westcott to attend the Committee meeting as a local resident representative – all agreed to invite Ray Westcott next time.

The quarry contact details need to be updated on the <http://www.olderadnorcommunitycouncil.co.uk/> web page.

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.

8) Any other business.

LJ stated that we can sponsor / donate to local community projects. LJ said more needs to be done in the local area to promote the good work that Tarmac are doing.

LJ went on to discuss the communication made with the local schools and asked the attendees of the meeting to spread the word regarding volunteering and sponsorship.

The both units have had 4 cases of COVID-19 which shows the controls in place are working well for it not to spread.

9) Date of next meeting:

6pm, 12th July 2021 at Dolyhir Quarry office / Teams (Covid-19 dependant).