



Dolyhir/ Strinds and Gore Quarries Liaison Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Dolyhir Quarry, Quarry offices on the 28/7/2016

Attendees:

Daniel Sylvester (Production Manager Tarmac)
Mike Jones (Unit manager Dolyhir)
Evan Jones local resident
Nesta Cooke Local resident
Kieth Morgan Local resident
Haydon Jones local communittee council.

Apologies:

Tom Lewis – Old Radnor Community Council
David Williams- Old Radnor Community Council
Kevin Bray- Powys County Council, Environmental Health Officer
Hugh Towns- Carmarthenshire County Council
Keith Jones- Carmarthenshire County Council, Monitoring and Enforcement Officer
Malcolm Lawer (Estates manager)
Micheal jones Powys communittee council (Chair)

1: Minutes of last meeting

1.1: Approved - copy of the last meeting.

2. Managers report

2.1 Dan discussed the changes to the management structure in Kington and the appointment of a new Quarry Manager at The Gore Quarry, Lewis Jenkins. He then proceeded to explain that Dolyhir is very busy with surface dressing and Asphalt, which is being delivered to the M5, and that the Gore is also very busy and are currently operating a mobile crushing train to meet single size demand.

Dan also mentioned that although Tarmac have bought some concrete plants in the local area, Breedon were taking over the company Hope, and that the concrete plant at Kington will be a Breedon plant.

3. Matters arising

3.1 Nesta explained that she had been told that the entrance road to the Gore was very rough and littered with pot holes. Dan explained that the road did not belong to Tarmac but that Tarmac would approach the council regarding resurfacing works.

Nesta also mentioned the wild flowers that are situated on Stones lane, and asked that depending on whether or not Tarmac gets planning permission, whether the flowers can be re located. Dan said that he would see what could be done if planning was successful.

Nesta also raised concerns about the Asphalt plant and the smell, Mike Jones explained to the meeting that the plant was being changed to run on LPG and that the smell should be reduced, Mike told the meeting that the modifications to the plant should start in September.

Health and Safety

Dan discussed the 'Pokémon Go' game, mentioning that the Old Radnor church was a Pokémon hot spot. Dan told the meeting that if they would like to get the church removed from the list, he would share a link with them and also forward it to the community clerk, to enable them to do so.

Keith Morgan also asked if some of the tree bows could be cut back by the asphalt plant as they are quite large and encroaching upon the main road.

4 Complaints

4.1 Richard Burden issues. It was raised by Evan Jones that there were concerns about the wheel wash at Dolyhir. Dan proceeded to explain that the wheel wash worked very well and that during the hot and dry weather, the wet roads following the wheel wash can dry out and cause dust but Tarmac are aware of this and wash the road with a road sweeper every day as a preventative,

4.2 It was also brought up by Evan about the damage being caused to Old Radnor church from blasting at the Gore. Dan explained that there was no direct link between damage to buildings and blasting, that both quarries monitor every blast and are well within their planning limits.

4.3 Light pollution was another concern raised. Dan therefore explained that all of Gore's lighting is timed, going off at 23:00 and coming back on at 04:10. Dan also stated that the lights on the asphalt plant have to be on for safety reasons. Dan went on to say that if there are any lights that are causing an issue, that people are welcome to come to site, by appointment, to discuss with the electricians, who will then look into relocating the light.

5. Environmental Report

5.1 Dan discussed the ongoing water treatment works at both Dolyhir and Gore, stating that no dirty water has been discharged from either quarry. The Gore's water issues earlier in the year were also discussed with Dan explaining that NRW were still looking into this case.

Evan commented on the clean water being discharged from Gore and asked if his ditch could be cleaned out in August, Dan to get Brian Griffiths to carry out the works.

6. Planning

6.1 Dan discussed the planning and how the locals were trying to get Stones farm house listed and that Tarmac were fighting this. Nothing else regarding planning was discussed.

Dan also went through what work was being carried out in regards to public footpaths and the new path at Green lane, He also mentioned that the path across Gore hill was being strimmed again on the 10th and that Tarmac have had trouble keeping the foliage down. The public footpaths by the block yard were also being strimmed on the 10th.

8 Any other Business

Dan discussed the sponsorship that Tarmac had been doing in the local area. In relation to this, Nesta asked for volunteers to help clean Old Radnor church. It was decided that Nesta would get in contact with Mike Jones to arrange this.

The planning of five houses on Tarmac owned land at Old Radnor was also discussed in the meeting. Nesta asked if Tarmac would consider building Toilets for the church and a car park area. Dan said that he would go back and discuss with M Lawer.

9 Date of next meeting

9.1 6:30pm on the 18th of January 2017 at Dolyhir quarry site office.