



Dolyhir/ Strinds and Gore Quarries Liaison Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Held at Dolyhir Quarry, Quarry offices on the 18/1/2017

Attendees:

Daniel Sylvester (Production Manager Tarmac)
Lewis Jenkins (Gore Quarry Manager)
Evan Jones (Cllr)
Nesta Cooke Local resident
Trevor Bell (Cllr)
Micheal Jones Chair (Cllr)
Keith Morgan (Cllr)

1) Apologies:

Malcolm Lawer (Tarmac Estates Manager)
Darren Webster (Tarmac, Dolyhir Quarry Manager)
Richard Burden (Cllr)
Haydn Jones (Cllr)

2) Minutes of last meeting

Approved; a true copy of the last meeting.

3) Managers report

Daniel discussed the changes to the management structure at Kington, explaining that Lewis Jenkins had been appointed as Quarry Manager at the Gore Quarry, and Darren Webster as Quarry Manager at Dolyhir Quarry.

Dan confirmed that he had spoken with R Burden the week before the meeting to discuss the works on Gore hill and that there was some ongoing stripping work taking place, the ridge line was going to be moving back to final faces and that the quarry would not be coming past the fence line.

Dan also explained to the members of the meeting that although Gore Quarry is now back on a single shift, with no plant running after 18:00, there would still be some fitting work taking place at night.

Furthermore, Dan stated that both quarries were busy and although they were not operating at the high level experienced at Christmas, they intended to get back to this high level by February.

4) Matters arising

It was raised that both Gore and Dolyhir roads leading away from the quarries were very dirty. Dan explained that the road sweeper will keep cleaning the roads and that both wheel washes were working correctly. Also that the managers will monitor the roads daily and have them swept more if needed, Dan explained that the road sweeper was in use every day and that Dolyhir had put in extra water suppression sprinklers to tackle this issue.

It was also brought up in the meeting regarding plant lighting at both sites, Dan explained that now Gore was on single shift the lights will be off but there are some lights needed to stay on for health and safety reasons when the fitters are working, As for Dolyhir Dan explained that when working the asphalt plant at night lights needed to be on for health and safety reasons.

Trevor Bell brought up in the meeting the planning permission in Old Radnor for the four houses. Dan explained to the meeting that Tarmac had withdrawn the planning application.

5) Complaints

Trevor Bell mentioned that the public footpath over Gore hill was not being strimmed enough in 2016, Dan told the meeting that he did agree that the footpath was not maintained regularly enough and that he had failed to get the contractors (Biosphere) up there on a regular basis to ensure it was strimmed. Dan went on to explain that Lewis would be contacting the contractors and setting up a cutting plan for 2017. Dan also stated that a footpath would be cut into the bottom of Gore hill starting by green lane, so people could walk that path, meaning that when in time Tarmac close the top foot path then the bottom one will already be in use.

Dan discussed with the meeting about the rock that fell from Gore Quarry, ending up on Green lane. Dan explained that the HSE had investigated the incident and that extra measures had been put in place at Gore so this did not happen again.

Nesta Cooke vented her concerns regarding the potholes on the Gore road, to which Dan explained to the meeting that he had spoken with Nigel Scott from National Contracting about getting them resurfaced.

The meeting also discussed the blasting and the complaint from the last meeting regarding damage caused to the church in Old Radnor. Dan again explained that blasting will not cause damage to buildings and that if the meeting was happy, then Dan would invite John Morgan from EPC (Blasting Contractors for Tarmac) to the next meeting so John could explain more about blasting, The members were happy for this to happen so Dan will arrange.

The meeting also discussed the cleaning of the church. Dan again said that he was happy to send tarmac employed cleaners to the church if needed to help with the cleaning.

Dan also presented a cheque at this point for £150 to the Church, as a donation from Tarmac.

Nesta commented to the meeting that since the asphalt plant has converted to Gas, the smell has reduced and it is a lot better.

Nesta also asked about the ice patches that form at Dolyhir where the conveyor goes over the road. Dan told the meeting that now Dolyhir's water management works had finished there should not be any build up of water in this area.

Dan also told the meeting that Gore's water management works were ongoing and would be finished by the end of next month.

6) Planning

Dan explained that there was no update regarding the planning application for Dolyhir extension and would update all members as soon as possible. .

7) Any other Business

The meeting asked if Tarmac could road sweep through Old Radnor, Dan confirmed that he was happy to send the sweeper through the village.

8) Date of next meeting

9.1 6:30pm on the 21st of June 2017 at Dolyhir quarry site office.