

Padeswood

Minutes

Subject: Liaison Committee

Date: 23 - September 2019 18:00hrs Location: Board Room: Padeswood Works

Minutes taken by: Jo Hodson

PARTICIPANTS	Joseph Caruana (JC)	Chairman – Leeswood Cllr	
	Richard Jones (RJ)	Buckley East Cllr	
	Jeff Priden (JP)	Penyffordd Cllr	
	Roy Wakelam (RW)	Penyffordd Cllr	
	Murat Burakcin (MB)	Plant Manager	Hanson Cement
	Stewart Mitchell (SM)	Operations Manager	Hanson Cement
	Stuart Ross (SR)	NRW	
	Gary Nancarrow (GN)	Flintshire County Council	
	Howard White (HW)	Ramblers Association	
	Les Hewitt (LH)	NFU	
	Margaret Jones (MJ)	Penyffordd Cllr	
	June Plevin-Kelly (JK)	Penyffordd Bowling Club	
	Jo Hodson (JH)	Secretary	Hanson Cement

ApologiesPat Ransome

Carolyn Preece (rec'd post meeting)

Dave L Jones FCC Environmental Health

Andrew Jones PHW

Mr H White Ramblers Association

Martin Wright Clerk to Buckley Town Council

Clerk to Penyffordd Community Council

Clerk to Leeswood Community Council

Clerk to Hope Community Council

Dr Graham Brown PHW

1 AGENDA

Introductions

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2 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

RW – point relating to the odour seems to have disappeared.

HW – inaccuracy in last minutes regarding the footpath claim. Flintshire Council have agreed to the footpath to the east of the works, but will not be making an order going across the railway. HW has appealed and the decision is with FCC Planning.

GN – the appeal doesn't relate to the Liaison meeting in May.

HW – has plans of footpath should anyone wish to see them at the end of this meeting.

RJ – point 4 regarding pecking concrete.

GN – this was investigated and there was nothing going on at the time of the visit. Planning permission is in place and there is nothing untoward.

JC – private organisations organising walks along the footpaths have to be declared.

HW – I organise walks as a volunteer.

RJ – you do not benefit in a personal way. It is not prejudicial.

JK – should I declare that I use the paths to walk my dogs?

JC – no, it is not with an organisation.

3 | PLANNING UPDATE

GN – currently looking at Quarry Sunday working to allow smooth flow of stone to the Works. There is limited storage at both sites and lorries currently run 5 to 10 minutes apart, 24 hours a day. There will be no blasting and the favoured option would be to load from Quarry silos not out in the Quarry as that would cause noise and dust.

RJ – would this mean more vehicle movements on Sundays?

GN – daily movements would reduce a bit.

MB – our permit does allow us to load 7 days per week and we have asked GN for advice on this.

JC – how many wagons per day?

MB – currently 10, but will reduce to 4 or 5 if used on Sundays.

JC – have there been any community objections?

GN – it is early days.

RJ – has been approached by drivers who have said it is very difficult to load at the Quarry without the electrical system. It is only done mechanically.

MB – believe it is electrical, but will check.

RJ – it is a pendant system.

SM – a pendulum that the driver has to press to open.

MB – will look at this and come up with a solution.

JC - has a risk assessment been done?

MB - ves.

JC – MB please update the committee on this at the next meeting.

4 NRW UPDATE

SR – there has been an increase in noise complaints. 16 received, 7 are from one resident and the others from Padeswood Lake Road. Noise monitoring has taken place during May and June at night in various locations and when the plant has been off and running. There is an issue on Padeswood Lake Road. There were banging, clanging, whining and squeaking sounds at quite high levels. NRW's observations have been shared with Hanson and they have been asked to review their techniques, to identify the kit and put measures in place. A deadline of the end December has been given. Consultants are engaged. Complaints have been received regarding maintenance.

JC – how many complaints have been identified as being on site?

SR – appears to be largely due to the refractory brick removal during the last shutdown.

MB – because of the remote control hammer which will not be used during the night.

SR – need to strike a balance in relation to timing of this activity.

RW – what happened regarding the whooshing noise reported to Elliot?

SM – Elliot has now left the company. We can discuss this after the meeting.

JC – SM can you produce a report for the next meeting please?

MB – contact should be made to the Shift Manager immediately. Equipment will be stopped to stop noise.

RW – it sounds a bit like a plane engine and lasts for about 20 minutes to half an hour.

JC – I doubt it would be a compressor.

RW – it has happened on several occasions and is always when it's dark.

MB – please make a direct call to the Shift Manager who will be able to come out and monitor the noise straight away.

JC – we will follow this up. SM please keep a log of the frequency of these incidents.

SR – in relation to maintenance noise, a procedure is being developed regarding timings. For example vacuum vehicles producing a deep droning sound. Look to reduce activity at night or screen it off. Could also notify residents when work is being done.

RJ – how often is this work done?

MB – once a year, more if an incident occurs.

RJ – perhaps a leaflet could be distributed before this work is done.

SR – there have been 4 dust complaints. 3 are from residents at the east of the works. One in relation to dust on a vehicle. SR had observed a load of kiln material being deposited in the coal store which created dust. Hanson is looking at reusing this as a raw material which is a good reuse of the material, but is complicated as it is not waste. If it is moved to the Quarry, it could be perceived as waste and the Quarry is not permitted to receive waste. I have looked at the storage and currently finalising a report.

GN – the storage solution should be simple to solve. Could you use misting cannons?

MB – will look at this but plan to put it in a better storage place.

SR – there are ongoing discussions in relation to reviewing techniques, dust reports and the dust management plan. An updated procedure has been received. There was an incident on 29th August when a silo was over filled.

MB – the kiln was off at that time. A manual check of the silo was carried out however the silo was full and material spilt from the silo.

JC – was there a dust release?

MB – there was a small release.

SR-it was localised. The company will have to have a procedure in place and notify NRW. An RCA has been done and level control needs to be in place.

SR – there was also an over pressure of the kiln due to insufficient fuel.

MB – the temperature was too high and fuel cut. It was added on to the kiln and the fan tripped on temperature. It didn't cause a flush. The temperature was too high. Everything was shut down but the heat caused the over pressure.

RJ – was it because the fan failed?

MB – no, the material was too fine which makes it difficult to cool.

RW – was this the picture I took?

SR – this was passed to Hanson to investigate.

MB – your picture was vapour plume.

SR – it would have been cooling gases. In the gas conditioning tower, moisture causes the vapour to be visible. Certain angles can make the plume look darker.

MB – there was an incident where a piece of metal had got into the kiln recently, causing a noise. The kiln was stopped immediately and this was dealt with straight away.

JC – thank you for taking positive action.

5 PADESWOOD UPDATE

MB – the first test train has been in to load from the rail silo. It went extremely well and has been certified ready. Avonmouth is not quite ready to receive the cement, but this will not be long.

JC – have there been any concerns or complaints? MB - no.6 **Council Response** RW – is it possible to get help with projects? MB - ves. RW – we are looking for assistance with the floor for a local park. MB – please write in to site with the details. We are happy to help the local community, but we don't donate to profit making organisations. 7 AOB HW – is it possible to circulate the previous meeting minutes sooner than the week before the next JH – happy to circulate the minutes after the meeting and send a reminder of the following meeting one week before. JC - I agree to this. GN - the Aggregates Sustainability Levy Fund is currently under review. It is very early days, but hopefully this will be brought back in with the historic constraints removed. HW – the local development plan consultation will be in November. MB – the Open Day in June was extremely successful, with lots of very positive feedback received. Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd December 2019 @ 18:00hrs (with the date of a meeting in February 2020 to be agreed thereat)