

**CEMEX
PANT-Y-PWLL DWR QUARRY
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2011
AT THE QUARRY OFFICES**

Present

Cllr C Legg	Flintshire County Council
Mr P A Thomas	Halkyn Graziers
Mr T Evans	Flintshire CC Planning
Mr W Taylor	CEMEX
Mrs Rachael Watson	Halkyn Ranger

1. Apologies and introductions

Cllr M Wright (Chairman), Flintshire County Council, Miss H Parish Flintshire CC Planning, Mr S Denny CEMEX & Mr M Ripley CEMEX sent their apologies.

Tom Evans introduced himself to the meeting, Tom is attending to represent Flintshire CC Planning as Hannah is on annual leave.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2011

The minutes of the 15th June 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record by Cllr C Legg (acting Chairman).

3. Matters arising

No items were raised.

4. Developments at the quarry

- 4.1 WT gave an update to the committee on the earthworks carried out adjacent to the old entrance, explaining that all the infilling has been completed and the old entrance filled to the maximum height that the footprint would allow. Some further seeding and tree planting is to be completed in 2012.
- 4.2 WT explained that a further application has been submitted to Flintshire CC for further overburden removal to an area adjacent to the current stocking area. TE explained that a decision on this application was

expected to have been reached by the end of 2011 but is now expected early in 2012.

- 4.3 WT explained that the new wheelwash has now been installed and is cleaning well.

5. **Complaints**

- 5.1 A complaint was received regarding the quarry becoming 'noisy' from Mrs Reynolds Jones on the 3rd August 2011. Further explanation determined that the conveyor coming from the quarry was making a noise. After investigation it was found that belt scraper was not properly positioned following a breakdown. This was rectified immediately. Mrs RJ also complained that the rock breaker is too noisy and commented that it appeared to be worse now that the overburden bund has been removed and went on to ask my that material had been moved and where to. It was explained that the tip had only been a temporary measure and that it would be worth talking to Flintshire CC regarding an future tip positions and whether screening her house could be considered. Mrs RJ replied, 'there's no point they don't do anything just like you'. Mrs RJ went on to complain about material on the road down in to Pentre Halkyn. She was asked if she had also contacted DP Williams to speak to them about this issue, as they also use this road. Mrs RJ didn't seem to know who they were and said that the material was from Halkyn Quarry. It was explained that a road sweeper was on site every day and the sweeper cleans down to the bottom of St Martin's Hill once per week. Mrs RJ at this point asked that all these items be logged as a complaint and minuted and ended the call saying that she was still not happy.
- 5.2 On the 9th August a complaint was received from Mrs Reynolds Jones of Linden Cottage the blast 'really shook my house' and the vibration was really bad and she wanted to register a complaint. The vibrograph recorded at The Grange property with results of 1.56mm/s PPV and 113dBA.
- 5.3 10th August, a complaint was received from Mr Pugh (Flat adjacent to The Miners Arms in Rhes y Cae). Mr Pugh explained that the blast was particularly bad and that cracks were starting to appear in his flat. It was clear that Mr Pugh was not clear on blasting techniques and how blasts are monitored. WT decided to visit Mr Pugh at his property and take the blast design pack to explain how it all works. Mr Pugh seemed much happier and agreed for the vibrograph to be set up at his property. On this occasion the vibrograph had been set up at Linden Cottage and it was not triggered.
- 5.4 2 complaints were received on the 24th November 2011 one from Mr Abshone of Waen Ucha, Rhes y Cae and the second from Mr Toon of Pentre Halkyn. This is an unusual scenario for complaints on opposite

sides of the quarry at the same time, unless AOP was a factor which it was not based upon the readings. This appears to indicate that geology or possibly old workings/tunnels may be having an effect. The readings from the 2 vibrographs that were set up were as follows; The Grange 2.07mm/s PPV and AOP 100dBA the second instrument set at the school in Rhes y Cae 2.81mm/sPPV and AOP 103dBA.

6. Any other business

- 6.1 WT asked if there are any further developments relating to the open shaft in Rhes y Cae. RW reported that the shaft is checked daily and appears to have stabilised. A decision will be made soon as to whether the shaft is to be capped or filled. WT explained that if it is to be filled there is a large quantity of suitable material in Pant Y Pwll Dwr Quarry.
- 6.2 Cllr C Legg & PT wished to thank CEMEX formally for the contribution the company has made towards the naming plaque for the Fabric Collage made by the villagers and children of Rhes y Cae.
- 6.3 RW reported that 3 evenings have been selected in 2012 for the quarry open tours and explained that these have been initially advertised locally to allow residents the opportunity to sign up as the events tend to be over subscribed.
- 6.4 PT asked if it would be possible to tour the quarry prior to the next meeting. WT explained that this can be organised at any time and it was decided that the next meeting would start earlier to allow time for the tour prior to the meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 13th June 2012 at 14:30hrs in the quarry offices.

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