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Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group **Minutes of virtual meeting held 26th November 2020 at 17:30**

Attendees:

- Councillor Graham Thomas (GT)
- Councillor Colin Woodley (CW) – Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council
- Tracy Sweetland-Hodges (TS) Penderyn Resident
- Gareth Purnell (GP) – RCT
- Neil Pilliner (NP) – RCT
- Julian Atkins (JA) – Brecon Beacons National Park
- Tracy Nettleton (TN) - Brecon Beacons National Park
- Hugh Towns (HT) - Brecon Beacons National Park
- Julian Radcliffe (JR) – Hanson UK
- Luke Owen (LO) – Hanson UK

Apologies

None

General

1. It was explained by GT that there was some disquiet in the wider community following the inaugural meeting. GT had spoken to JR with a view of increasing the number of Penderyn Residents on the PQLG from 3 to 4 which was agreed subject to ratification by the Group. If the PQLG agreed there would be a call for nominations for representatives made and if necessary, a vote to determine who would represent the Penderyn Residents on the PQLG.
2. CW introduced himself. CW then delivered a formal protest from the Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council on the reduction from 2 members to 1. GT advised that in the original draft considered at the meeting on the 22nd October there was only reference made to 1 member from the Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council.
3. GT then asked if the PQLG would agree to an increase in the number of Penderyn Residents from 3 to 4.

4. CW suggested that this would be too cumbersome and suggested 3 residents and 2 Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Councillors. CW would however have to obtain agreement to having 2 councillors on the PQLG at the next meeting of the Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council.
5. GT explained that the original draft Terms of Reference proposed 1 not 2 Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Councillors. Therefore, there had been no reduction and the inclusion of 2 representatives for Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council was not part of the subsequent motion.
6. CW suggested that the number of resident representatives should remain 3, this was then agreed by the Group.
7. JA sought to clarify the number of representatives of BBNP and it was agreed that this would remain at 3 to accommodate the way the BBNP team was structured.
8. GT sought to clarify his role, he was an RCT Councillor and felt it would be appropriate to have an RCT Councillor on the PQLG. Following discussion, it was agreed that GT role would be as an independent chair and this would be included in the PQLG Terms of Reference.
9. It was agreed the GT would lead the selection process for the Penderyn Residents for the PQLG. The process was discussed, and the following was agreed: -
10. The role of Penderyn Resident would be advertised on social media. All nomination forms would be delivered to the Quarry or by email to JR for collection.
11. If there were more nominations than roles there would be a vote by residents with votes cast at the Penderyn Community Centre. The arrangements for this were discussed and the view was that this could be undertaken safely with appropriate Covid 19 controls in place.

Any other Business

12. TSH advised that following the last meeting she had been subject to personal attack and because of this would not be seeking nomination.
13. Several the PQLG expressed their sadness that TSH had been subject to negative social media messages and hoped that she might reconsider her position.

Date and Time of the next meeting

14. Once the process of selecting Penderyn Residents for the PQLG was completed GT would call the next meeting of the PQLG.