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Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group Minutes of virtual meeting held 22 October 2020 at 17:30pm

Attendees:

- Councillor Graham Thomas (GT)
- Victoria Bond (VB) – Penderyn resident
- 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
- Steven Morton (SM) – Hanson UK

Apologies

- Martyn Davies – Penderyn resident
- James Davies – Penderyn resident

Elections

- Election of Chairman – GT proposed by JR, seconded by HT and all in agreement
- Vice chair – no suggestion proposed
- Election of Secretary – JR proposed by GT, seconded by TN and all in agreement

Introductions

All on the call introduced themselves.

General

GT asked Brecon Beacons National Park (BBNP) attendees to confirm the requirements for a liaison committee in planning, TN read the relevant section of the planning document and confirmed that a scheme, which would include a Constitution and Terms of Reference, had to be submitted within three months of permission being granted.

Review of proposed Constitution and Terms of Reference

GT went through the proposed Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group Constitution and Terms of Reference, submitted on 16 October 2020 (copy attached). The following amendments to the document were proposed and agreed.

1. **Terms of Reference:** No comments.
2. **Meetings:** GT – twice a year in the proposal, quarterly first year, if not required can be changed back to twice a year at the end of year one at the AGM. JA advised that if BBNP received any documents they would be freely available through freedom of information requests. It was noted that an AGM would be required every 12 months.

3. **Membership:** GT requested four residents to be included on the attendee list, JR suggested that to maintain an effective working group that this be kept to two. TS suggested one less Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Councilor attend which would allow for three members of the Penderyn Residents Group, this was agreed. BBNP attendees changed from two to three following recommendations from JA and TN. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to be asked to attend as and when required for specific issues.
4. **Agenda items:** GT suggested blasting be included as specific agenda item, JR agreed that this would become point e. VB asked for discharge/water quality to be added, it was agreed that this would be added as point f. VB also recommended the inclusion of a separate agenda item on community engagement, which was agreed. HT suggested that the planning authority quarterly monitoring report and associated updates be included as an item. GP detailed the responsibilities of an environmental officer and those of a highways officer. There needs to be flexibility in terms of who is asked to attend meetings when dealing with highways matters. The proposal allows scope to ask the correct person to attend to deal with specific matters. GP also reminded attendees that some highways matters, like speeding, are dealt with by the police.
5. **Minutes:** No comments.
6. **Confidentiality:** No comments.
7. **Publicity:** JA asked how press requests be dealt with if approached directly? SM said it is important that if members are approached by the press that they speak to the Chair prior to doing so.

Any other business

SM recommended including an item for members to disclose any conflicts of interest, GT suggested that this should also always be raised by members at the start of the meeting.

JA asked why the BBNP were not listed as signatories, JR advised that regulators did not have to be a signatory. JA agreed no change required.

Date and time of the next meeting

JR suggested the first formal meeting of the Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group should take place the week commencing 23 November to allow for minutes to be circulated and amended as appropriate. GT agreed and suggested that an invite should be sent nearer the time by JR to GT to finalise the date and time.