

Minutes

Subject: Liaison Committee

Date: 02 06 25 18:00hrs

Location: Board Room, Padeswood Works

Minutes taken by: Rachael Humphreys

PARTICIPANTS	Joseph Caruana (JC)	Chairman – Leeswood Cllr		
	David Quick (DQ)	Plant Manager – Heidelberg Materials		
	Rachael Humphreys (RHu)	Sustainability Analyst - Heidelberg Materials		
	Jeff Priddin (JP)	Penyffordd CC		
	Jessica Roberts (JR)	FCC		
	Len Hilder (LH)	Resident of Penyffordd		
	Andrew Bower (AB)	Land and Mineral Resources Manager – Heidelberg Materials		

Apologies

- 1) Michelle Tate
- 2) Rebecca Harwood
- 3) Roy Wakeham
- 4) Hannah Parish
- 5) Carolyn Preece

DISTRIBUTION THOSE PRESENT/ABSENT	Richard Jones	Buckley Town Council
	Dave L Jones	FCC Environmental Health
	Andrew Jones	PHW
	Shaun Jones	Clerk to Buckley Town Council
	Clerk to Penyffordd Community Council	
	Clerk to Leeswood Community Council	
	Clerk to Hope Community Council	
	Dr Graham Brown	PHW

	<p>Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Apologies + Intros. 2) Minutes of last meeting 3) Any matter arising which will NOT be covered by rest of agenda. 4) NRW permitting update for the Carbon Capture Project. 5) Padeswood Update including complaints, concerns, and compliments. 6) NRW update. 7) FCC Planning Update 8) Carbon Capture Project update. 9) Path Maintenance 10) Any other Correspondence. 11) AOB
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>DQ made a point of order regarding LH's attendance at recent meetings as he is not a member of the Committee. LH is attending the meetings because he has an interest in the works and the Carbon Capture Project. DQ explained that there is a process in place to become a member of the Liaison Committee, and the meeting is for members only. DQ asked JC to make a decision on whether LH could stay – JC confirmed LH was welcome to stay and this situation would be discussed later in the meeting.</p>
4	<p>NRW permitting update for the Carbon Capture Project</p> <p>The variation application in relation to the carbon capture plant has been duly made. Queries raised by our permitting team are being addressed and responded to. Technical assessments are being completed. Relevant documents relating to the permit variation can be found using this link - Natural Resources Wales / Castle Cement Limited - Padeswood Cement Works, Padeswood, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 4HB.</p>
5	<p>Padeswood Update including Complaints, Concerns, Compliments</p> <p>DQ gave a presentation which included a Plant update, a summary of complaints, a presentation of the data from the air quality station at the Bowling Club and community donations made by Padeswood Cement since the last Liaison Committee meeting.</p> <p>8 Dust complaints received in May during a period of hot, dry weather. Analysis of the results showed that the dust was mainly pollen and sand.</p> <p>Noise complaints received from Padeswood Lake Road via a mailbox that is not monitored outside of office hours. JC requested that the community website be reviewed to ensure the complaints process is clearly explained. RHu agreed to do this but informed JC that this was a recurring issue with this complainant, and they have been informed on several occasions that the Shift Manager should be contacted outside of official hours as the mailbox is not monitored during the nightshift. DQ explained that noise monitoring work had been carried out at the home of one of the Site's regular complainants, and the report had been recently received. The source of the complaint has not been able to be identified following the monitoring exercise, and further work may be required. Cllr J. Priddyn said that he had lived in Penyffordd village for a long time and had never heard any noise from the Site. JR suggested that FCC's Environmental Health Department may be able to offer some help with carrying out noise monitoring at the property.</p> <p>Presentation attached.</p>

6	<p>NRW Update</p> <p>NRW Update since last meeting 10/03/2025</p> <p>Complaints Since the last meeting on 10th March 2025, we have had 1 noise complaint and 2 dust complaints. 2025 year to date - 8 noise complaints and 2 dust complaints.</p> <p>Noise Mitigation and improvement work undertaken by Heidelberg have reduced some of the previously identified noise sources. As a result of the improvements seen NRW have agreed with Heidelberg that noise monitoring can be reduced to 6 monthly. NRW will continue to review the reports and noise action plan to ensure works identified are completed.</p> <p>Regulatory Visits No site inspections have been undertaken since the last meeting.</p> <p>Emissions There have been no emissions exceedances reported since the last meeting.</p> <p>Operator Self Reports There have been no self-reports since the last meeting.</p>
7	<p>FCC Planning Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No complaints received by Flintshire County Council Minerals and Waste planning team. - There are no current planning applications for the site. - Discussions have taken place with the CCS project team regarding discharging conditions on the CCS permission – applications to discharge conditions are expected later in the summer. - Spur Pipeline application is expected this week.
8	<p>Carbon Capture Project Update</p> <p>AB provided information relating to the planning conditions attached to the Carbon Capture Project. A total of 27 planning conditions were issued. There are 3 pre-demolition conditions relating to the demolition of Padeswood Hall and Padeswood Hall Farm - an archaeological condition, an environmental management plan and Arboricultural Method Statement. Schemes are currently being prepared to submit to FCC. Much of the work over the Summer will be ecological works which will include bat surveys and the relocation of great crested newts to the new ponds created towards the end of 2024. Padeswood Hall and Padeswood Hall Farm demolition works are expected to begin in September. JC enquired as to whether any arable land would be lost as a result of the project. AB confirmed no, but some grazing land would be lost in order to create habitats for the Great Crested Newts. The Site has provided for extensive tree planting in compensation for the trees to be lost as a result of the project. JC enquired as to whether these plans satisfied the required biodiversity net gain percentage. JR confirmed that these rules applied to England only.</p> <p>AB asked the Committee whether they would like more focused meetings just for the Carbon Capture Project. A lot of activity would be happening during the construction phase and so Community Engagement would be very important. JP – Unless there was a great deal to update then no need for a separate meeting, Carbon Capture Project update could continue to be covered in this meeting. AB was concerned that the current Liaison Meeting may become swamped by the Carbon Capture Project once work was underway. DQ suggested that the committee consider this over the next 3 months and then vote at the next meeting – agreed. DQ – Members of the community may have more questions and concerns once activity starts in September and if we don't have a forum for queries then this will cause issues, and possible misinformation would be shared around the community.</p>

	<p>LH had some concerns relating to the delivery of the equipment for the project as, in a previous project, damage to local roads occurred due to the weight of the vehicles / equipment. LH also had a query around the hardware to be used for the CO₂ reclaimer column, and the formation of carbonic acid which causes equipment failure. These questions were unable to be answered by those present as they could only be answered by someone with technical knowledge from the Carbon Capture Project Team. JC stated - This Liaison Meeting is for the Cement Plant, not the Carbon Capture Project.</p> <p>LH asked if drawings of the Carbon Capture Project would be made available to the Public. DQ/JR – drawings are already available on the Carbon Capture Project website. LH asked if detailed drawings of the design would be available? DQ - No, because of intellectual property rights. LH suggested that this meant that members of the public were being kept in the dark. DQ disagreed – The Carbon Capture Project has done everything required in terms of informing the public through consultations. LH informed the meeting that he had a great deal of technical knowledge and experience having worked on a similar project 40 years ago and that carbon capture is not new technology. AB – although it is not a new technology, the technology/ design is bespoke to this particular project and the information LH is asking for may not be able to be shared due to non-disclosure agreements. DQ – this is not the forum where these sorts of queries can be answered.</p> <p>With regard to the previous point of order raised re membership of the Liaison Committee, DQ explained that historically the site had had periods of poor environmental performance. Members of the Liaison Committee had been invited to sit on the Committee as representatives of the community. This is to ensure that the meeting is not overwhelmed with large number of residents attending. LH accepted this.</p> <p>DQ acknowledged LH'S technical background and experience in a previous carbon capture project and thought that his input may be useful in a Carbon Capture Subcommittee.</p> <p>AB expressed concerns that the information LH wants may be subject to non-disclosure agreements, and so it may be frustrating for LH if he is unable to have his questions answered. The idea of a focused one-to-one meeting for LH with members of the Carbon Capture Project Team was suggested, so that LH could get a better understanding of this particular project.</p> <p>JC suggested that LH could sit on the subcommittee and report any issues identified in the meetings to the Liaison Committee. AB queried the role and remit of a technical expert on either a Liaison Committee or sub-committee. The purpose of either is to provide meaningful community engagement and not to 'audit' the technical aspects of the design. In any case, much of the design would be covered in NDAs and/or be bespoke to this project and therefore no available to the committee which in itself could lead to frustration. DQ acknowledged that there could be a role for LH to play in reassuring the public as to the company's proposals and we need to work out how that can happen.</p> <p>AB suggested a committee for the Carbon Capture Project, and the intention was for this committee to be a forum for community engagement and provide information/ project updates. AB is not against a subcommittee but has concerns over who would sit on it.</p> <p>The decision on whether a subcommittee is required was adjourned until the next meeting.</p>
9	<p>Path Maintenance</p> <p>Repairs to footpath 55 were completed in April. HW has been informed and has been to view the improvement works.</p>

10	Any Other Correspondence None
11	AOB None

Date of the next meeting agreed – Monday, 22nd September 2025 18:00