

Minutes

Subject: Liaison Committee

Date: 01 12 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
	Carolyn Preece (CP)	Buckley Town Cllr
	Rebecca Harwood (RH)	NRW
	Howard White (HW)	Ramblers
	Jeff Priddin (JP)	Penyffordd CC
	Roy Wakeham (RW)	Penyffordd Cllr

Apologies

- 1) Alistair Ibbotson (AI)
- 2) Hannah Parish (HP)

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>None</p>
4	<p>NRW permitting update for the Carbon Capture Project</p> <p>The new permit has been issued and is available on the Public Register to view. The permit includes many Improvement Conditions and Pre-Operational measures. Almost all of these are not relevant until the CCS Plant is built. CP asked how quickly NRW expected to turnaround the Improvement conditions once submitted. RH suggested this would be a fairly quick turnaround, however, a lot of the Improvement Conditions overlap.</p> <p>CP suggested that responses to the Improvement Conditions could be brought to the Liaison Meeting for the Committee to review.</p> <p>DQ was asked when the Carbon Capture works intend to start. DQ – Works are starting in December. These are enabling works involving the demolition of Padeswood Hall Farm to create a temporary access road. Padeswood Hall was to be demolished however bats have been found in the building so this is delayed.</p> <p>CP – there needs to be communication with the public about the schedule of works associated with the project, so that the public are informed and know what to expect. DQ – the Carbon Capture Team are aware that good communication is important and they are potentially going to put a PR Officer in place to manage this.</p> <p>The subject of a separate committee/ subcommittee was discussed. DQ will have very little involvement with the Carbon Capture Project until it is built, therefore would be unable to answer any queries brought to this meeting.</p> <p>Detailed discussions/ queries relating to Carbon Capture Project are out of the scope of this Committee. There should perhaps be a separate committee set up for the Carbon Capture Project, especially during the build phase. The Committee would need to vote on this.</p> <p>HW suggested that the public may not understand that at the moment the Plant and the Project are separate. CP enforced the message that communication with the public was important. DQ suggested that his name could be put on Carbon Capture communications to add a sense of familiarity for the public.</p> <p>JC – There needs to be a formalised and communicated complaints process for the Carbon Capture Project. Consider the use of a flow chart.</p> <p>The Committee requested a communication be sent out the public detailing the Carbon Capture Project plan – to include duration and initial scope. It was suggested that this should be sent to Community Councils, Deeside.com and Leader Live. RW asked if there were plans to use social media platforms to communicate with residents.</p>

	<p>DQ – Will take this suggestion back to our PR Team.</p> <p>CP - Community councils should be asked if they would like anyone additional to sit on a separate Committee for Carbon Capture.</p> <p>It would be preferable if the Carbon Capture Committee could be held straight after the Plant Liaison Committee meeting. RHG agreed.</p> <p>A representative from this Committee should attend the Carbon Capture Committee and feedback an overview of what was discussed (anything relevant to the Cement Plant and this Liaison Committee)</p> <p>A terms of reference should be created for the Carbon Capture Committee. DQ will likely sit on the Committee alongside a member of the Carbon Capture Project Team.</p> <p>HW – When will major construction work begin.</p> <p>DQ – Unsure of this, which is why we require a separate meeting for Carbon Capture matters.</p> <p>RW – present a framework of the proposed Committee and terms of reference to the next Liaison meeting for review. This can then be taken to the Community Councils monthly meeting.</p> <p>DQ- Requested that Committee Members search to see if they have a copy of this Committee's terms of reference.</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>There was a discussion around poor sales. Many companies are importing cement as it is the cheaper option. JC requested that DQ provide him with information on who is lobbying the Government to act on the cheap imports and is keen to offer his support.</p> <p>JC enquired as to whether any further complaints had been received from Padeswood Lake Road – no further complaints.</p> <p>Complaint received regarding black smoke from the stack. There were no issues with stack emissions.</p> <p>DQ reported that he had observed burning tyres in the area that day. RH will look into this to see if any complaints were made.</p>
6	<p>NRW Update</p> <p>NRW Update since last meeting 22/09/2025</p> <p>Complaints</p> <p>NRW have not received any complaints since the last meeting on 22nd September 2025.</p> <p>2025 year to date - 8 noise complaints and 2 dust complaints.</p> <p>Regulatory Visits</p> <p>An unannounced site inspection was undertaken on 31st October 2025. The main purpose of the visit was to review the wood chip trial and high sulphur petcoke trial and associated emissions.</p> <p>Wood chip is to continue to be used as an alternative fuel.</p> <p>To allow more information to be gathered an extension to the petcoke trial was agreed.</p> <p>No issues were identified at the time of the inspection. CAR NRW0049825.</p> <p>Emissions</p> <p>NOx emissions exceedance from Kiln (Emission Point A8) on 16th August - 510mg/m3 ELV 450mg/m3</p> <p>Dust exceedance from Cement Mill 3 (Emission Point A5) on 9th August – 22mg/m3 ELV 20 mg/m3</p> <p>CAR NRW0049876 – to be issued.</p> <p>Permit Variations</p> <p>NRW have granted the permit variation application for the carbon capture and storage plant.</p> <p>Documents are available on NRW's public register.</p>

7	FCC Planning Update No update.
8	Carbon Capture Project Update Discussed under agenda item 4. Given that the permit has now been issued, the Chairman asked for a show of hands to remove item 4 - NRW permitting update for the Carbon Capture Project from the agenda. All present voted in favour. Carbon Capture related issues to be discussed under this agenda item going forward.
9	Path Maintenance No issues raised. HW's footpath claim was dismissed on appeal. The new footpath created as part of the Carbon Capture Project is now open. HW to check whether the way marking posts are complete. The drainage improvement works to path 55 are working well.
10	Any Other Correspondence None
11	AOB Annual shutdown communication to be sent through to the Liaison Committee members. RHu has set details of the communication to be placed in the Winter Open Door newsletter. RH asked if the Site will letter drop to immediate neighbours? – this will be done. Shutdown is due to start 4 th January with wrecking works taking place from around the 10 th January. The wrecking works will last around two weeks and will be carried out in accordance with the Site's noise management plan.

End – 18:49

Date of the next meeting agreed – 2nd March 2026