



Penderyn liaison meeting 16/10/25

Present:

Julian Radcliffe – Heidelberg materials

Jordan King – Heidelberg materials

Gareth Purnell – RCT

Karen Morgan – Councillor Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos

Laura Simkin – BBNP

Colin Woodley – Councillor Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos

Minutes approved from previous by Karen Morgan and all agreed.

Matters:

Footpath agreed by all to be extended to the notice board.

School visit covered by all present with good comments, great experience for the children and what is the plan for the day, child's PPE, gift bags and watching a blast was discussed.

KM asked for lots of photos of their visit to the quarry.

JR emphasised that we have to be careful photographing the day.

KM+CW stated the parents will have to sign and agree

KM asked LS about the visit for the blast

LS enjoyed the blast and no complaints since.

LS has new equipment for measuring blasts

KM said new invites have gone out to new members, but they haven't been able to make tonight's meeting.

KM went on to ask about notice blast information on notice board.

JR agreed that is happening.

GP asked for meeting minutes to be put on the website for all to see.

JR agreed.

KM asked about the road speaking which was previously spoken about.

JR agreed it will be done

KM said the small notice board in the village will be updated.

Main site operations:

JR stated there was nothing new to report on day-to-day operations of the site. There has been / will be less blasting due poor faces in the quarry. Peter Faull is doing a great job managing the quarry and is probably the best man for the job with his experience and extensive knowledge in the industry.

GP asked if work will remain on the normal benches and normal layout of the quarry

JR agreed

GP asked if there is a plan for mobile plant coming in for the poor material / faces that has been mentioned previously

JR replied that it is being contemplated but nothing has been decided yet

JK spoke about asphalt production dropping off a little now that the M4 works look to be finished for the year. There will still be nightwork on for the Rhondda area, Swansea area and other small jobs may come on, but the material is less quantity and leaves us earlier in the night so there should be far less truck movements through the village and shouldn't be as late as the M4 works has been the last few weeks

JR followed with the spec of the 6mm aggregates being used in the M4 work we have been doing

LS brough up yesterdays meeting at the quarry which spoke about noise, dust, landscaping, seeding checks and a report will come and submit in December

GP asked where this section mentioned was

LS replied it's the old section but there is also another application which needs new submission that is being carried out soon and approved next year. Also, an update on the romp

GP asked will it need a consultation

LS said no don't think it will but will double check and report back

LS went on to speak about blasts and no issues with blast results from new monitoring equipment previously mentioned at the beginning of the meeting. The equipment spoken about will read and produce better results going forward. Visit was carried out on the 9/10/25

GP stated he has a visit upcoming

Environmental:

CW has a noise complaint to report. Vehicle movements and speaker noise were brought up.

JK mentioned he has briefly spoken to Zak about this and don't believe it breached any of our noise limits in place.

GP asked about mobile plant / trucks movement noise

CW spoke more about the tannoy being used at night

JR agreed to speak to Zak more on this issue

JK agreed that he will also speak to Zak regarding these comments

GP asked CW is this the first time for this complaint and was it just the once that night or was it numerous times that night and numerous times that week

JK repeated that we will investigate and liaise with Zak on the matter

GP stated there's planning limits for the site and there's different ways to check noise complaints. Can we speak to the person complaining in future and ask for better descriptions of the complaints, what noises, what times, how many times for example.

LS asked how trucks were onsite at once during night shifts and where do they wait to be loaded

JK replied stating there is rarely a large number of trucks on site at once during night shifts as they have designated times, and we try to get them loaded and back out with a quick turnaround.

JK also mentioned that trucks come up to the weighbridge, report in and go up and wait at the plant not down in the sheeting bay area or down near the junction on the main road.

GP followed with the procedure for measuring noise and how they can go about it if it does come to it but so far no other noise complaints have come in

KM stated there's been no complaints or comments for odour, dust, lighting or water issues

GP + JR agreed no other complaints

KM mentioned highways complaints

GP + JR agreed no complaints

KM went on to mention community engagement with the school

JR thanked KM for helping for organising the school visit

GP enquired about a general open day of the quarry

JR replied that it would be good and something we would like to do but it is a difficult matter

JR went on to mention the companies' engagements with communities and the tree measuring that the company is doing and looking for good results from the use of dust coming from the Builth wells quarry. Spoke about the project and its goal and stated we do as much as we possibly can to help communities where possible

JR followed this with the annual selection boxes for the Penderyn village at Xmas time

KM said the village will be in touch soon and Owen is the new community centre manager.

Meeting agreed to end by all.

New dates proposed:

15th January

16th April

16th July

15th October

JR will send calendar invites

KM will check all dates with everybody and some may have to change

