

Padeswood Liaison Committee meeting minutes

Subject: Liaison Committee meeting
 Date and time: 02 March 2026, 18:00
 Location: Board room, Padeswood cement works
 Minutes taken by: Rachael Humphreys

Participants

Joseph Caruana (JC)	Chairman – Leeswood Cllr	Howard White (HW)	Ramblers
David Quick (DQ)	Plant Manager – Heidelberg Materials	James Suther (JS)	FCC Planning Officer
Stewart Mitchell (SM)	Environment Manager – Heidelberg Materials	Tim Hibbert (TH)	FCC Planning Officer
Rachael Humphreys (RHu)	Sustainability Analyst - Heidelberg Materials		
Rebecca Harwood (RH)	NRW		
Jeff Priddin (JP)	Penyffordd CC		
Roy Wakelam (RW)	Penyffordd Cllr		

Apologies

Les Hewitt (NFU) Carolyn Preece (Buckley Town Cllr)
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Distribution – those present or absent

Richard Jones	Buckley Town Council
Dave L Jones	FCC Environmental Health
Andrew Jones	PHW
Karen Brown	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 and introductions 2) Minutes of last meeting 3) Matters arising 4) Padeswood works update 5) Natural Resources Wales (NRW) update 6) Flintshire County Council (FCC) planning update 7) Carbon capture project update 8) Path maintenance 9) Any other correspondence 10) Any other business
<p>3</p>	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Padeswood works update</p> <p>DQ delivered a presentation covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An operational update from the plant • A summary of recent community contacts • Air quality monitoring data from the Bowling Club station • Community donations made by Padeswood cement works since the last liaison committee meeting <p>Plant operations</p> <p>DQ reported that the plant has not yet re-started production following the annual shutdown. During inspections, an issue was identified with a process fan, so operations remain restricted while repairs are undertaken. Limited production is expected until around mid-May while the fan is repaired.</p> <p>RW suggested that this could be highlighted in a future Community Matters newsletter, as it demonstrates the thoroughness of maintenance inspections and the strong focus on health and safety at the site.</p> <p>RH noted that, because the site has been largely inactive for several months, the noise from the plant may be more noticeable to local residents when production resumes.</p> <p>Carbon capture project update</p> <p>SM provided an overview of completed and upcoming works associated with the carbon capture project.</p> <p>DQ explained that SM was attending the meeting to gain a better understanding of the requirements for the proposed carbon capture sub-committee, which had been discussed previously.</p>

SM outlined activities planned for the next 6–8 weeks. These include construction of the access road to the carbon capture plant, which will require increased HGV movements to bring aggregates to site. In planning these works, traffic movements through the village have been carefully considered. Hauliers have been instructed not to use the road adjacent to the primary school in Penymynydd.

SM asked that Heidelberg Materials be informed at the earliest opportunity if this instruction is not followed, so that it can be addressed.

SM also sought feedback from the Committee on the level of detail provided.

- HW commented that the information was a useful summary for this meeting.
- JS suggested that the frequency of liaison committee meetings should be considered when planning how information on the carbon capture works is presented.
- SM confirmed that, as the Committee meets every three months, a 90-day “look-ahead” could be shared at each meeting.

Community contacts and complaints

DQ provided an overview of recent community contacts.

The site has received some concerns from a resident in Penyffordd regarding a droning noise. Most of these complaints were received via Natural Resources Wales (NRW), and responses have been provided. One complaint was made directly to the site and has been responded to by letter. Operations are currently very limited, and in some instances complaints have been received at times when no production activity was taking place.

One complaint was received in February about a temporary lighting tower in the top car park affecting a resident on Padeswood Drive. The lighting was adjusted and the issue has been resolved.

A further complaint was received in March relating to line-painting works for the carbon capture project carried out on a Sunday morning at 8:00 am. It was noted that a dedicated contact point for carbon capture-related complaints needs to be established.

Community donations

DQ shared an overview of recent community donations made by Padeswood cement works.

DQ noted that, due to current market conditions, fixed costs are under pressure and this includes the budget available for community donations.

RW informed the Committee that Penyffordd will be entering the “Best Kept Community” awards this year, having not entered for the past couple of years. DQ invited RW to submit any requests for support in writing to the Works Manager’s Secretary for consideration.

Supporting material

A copy of DQ’s presentation will be appended to these minutes.

<p>5</p>	<p>Natural Resources Wales (NRW) update</p> <p>NRW update since last meeting 01 December 2025.</p> <p>Complaints NRW reported the following complaints since the last liaison committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 noise complaints (7 of these since 16 February, relating to a single reporter) • 1 complaint relating to carbon capture works <p>In 2025, NRW recorded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 noise complaints and 2 dust complaints. <p>Nb: NRW no longer provide feedback to incidents reported to its Incident Communications Centre. Further information is available on NRW’s website: https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/news-and-blogs/blogs/a-new-approach-to-how-we-respond-to-pollution-incidents/?lang=en</p> <p>Regulatory visits No regulatory inspections have taken place since the last meeting, primarily due to the plant’s prolonged shutdown.</p> <p>Emissions Two dust emission exceedances have been recorded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04.12.25 – preheater tower cyclone 3 – material fell while a blockage was being cleared, resulting in dust escaping from the kiln outlet area. • 08.12.25 - Kiln outlet seal / kiln hood - event linked with the damper operation. <p>These incidents are documented in Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) NRW0050620. CARs are available on NRW’s public register. No complaints were received following these incidents.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Flintshire County Council (FCC) planning update</p> <p>The council has received discharge applications for all the pre-commencement conditions associated with the carbon capture and storage (CCS)scheme. The outstanding conditions relate to prior to operation triggers.</p> <p>The council has received one complaint regarding noise and lighting associated with construction activities for the CCS scheme. This was passed to Heidelberg Materials, who have nominated a lead for community liaison to respond to and manage CCS-related community issues.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Carbon capture project update</p> <p>Covered in agenda item 4.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Path maintenance</p> <p>HW confirmed kissing gates have been installed on the footpath to the south of the site.</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>Any other correspondence</p> <p>HW had shared a recent press article about the new Deeside train station, which suggested that funding had been released for the proposed Padeswood rail siding extension.</p> <p>DQ clarified that works is required both on the main line and within the Padeswood site, and that regular meetings are being held with the project team and Network Rail.</p> <p>DQ said that while funding has been agreed in principle, the source of the money has not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>HW noted that the extension work to the Padeswood sidings would support improvements in the frequency of the local train service.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>DQ raised the need for the Committee to reach a decision on establishing a carbon capture sub-committee.</p> <p>RH commented that there should be two separate meetings. RW suggested the agenda could be the same for both.</p> <p>DQ asked if the Committee would like to use the existing Liaison Terms of Reference as a basis for the carbon capture sub-committee terms of reference. It was suggested that the meeting could be held straight after the current Liaison Committee meeting.</p> <p>DQ raised the question of membership and how representatives should be identified. RH confirmed that she would be happy to stay on for the carbon capture sub-committee. HW stated that, while his attendance was not essential, he would be willing to stay and listen.</p> <p>DQ offered to write to the Community Councils to ask for them to nominate delegates for the sub-committee. JS agreed that this would be a good idea.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The carbon capture sub-committee will meet straight after the current Liaison Committee meeting. • Membership will mirror the existing Liaison Committee, with the addition of any delegates nominated by the Community Councils. <p>This proposal was carried unanimously, with DQ as proposer and JC as seconder.</p>

END – 18:47

Date of the next meeting agreed – 01 June 2026 at 18:00

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Padeswood works liaison committee meeting

27.03.2026



Agenda

1. **Cement works update**
2. **Carbon capture and storage project update**
3. **Community contacts**
4. **Particulate monitor - bowling club**
5. **Community support**
6. **Communication**



Cement works update

- A planned annual shutdown was successfully completed in January.
- The plant remains shut down while an identified issue is fully resolved.
- Only limited site activity is expected for a short period while this work is completed.



Carbon capture and storage project update

Recently completed work

- Newt clearance complete; perimeter newt fence to remain in place for the construction phase.
- Trees around the hall and farmhouse have been chipped and removed.
- The farmhouse has been removed.

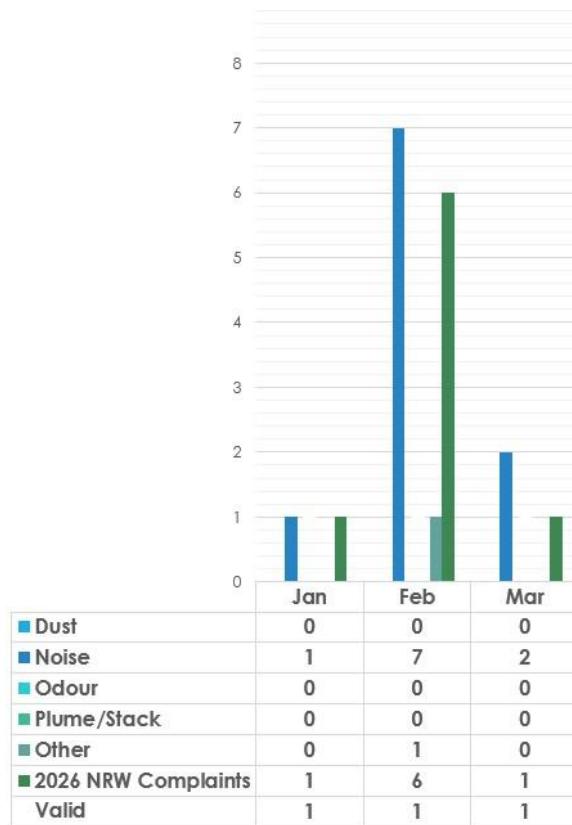
Our plan for the next 6 to 8 weeks

- Prepare for earthworks – welfare, yellow plant, etc.
- Begin construction of haul road, with aggregate deliveries starting for this stage.
- Start construction of the retaining wall leading into the CCS area.
- Start the site strip and drainage work in the northern area of the site.

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Community contacts 2026



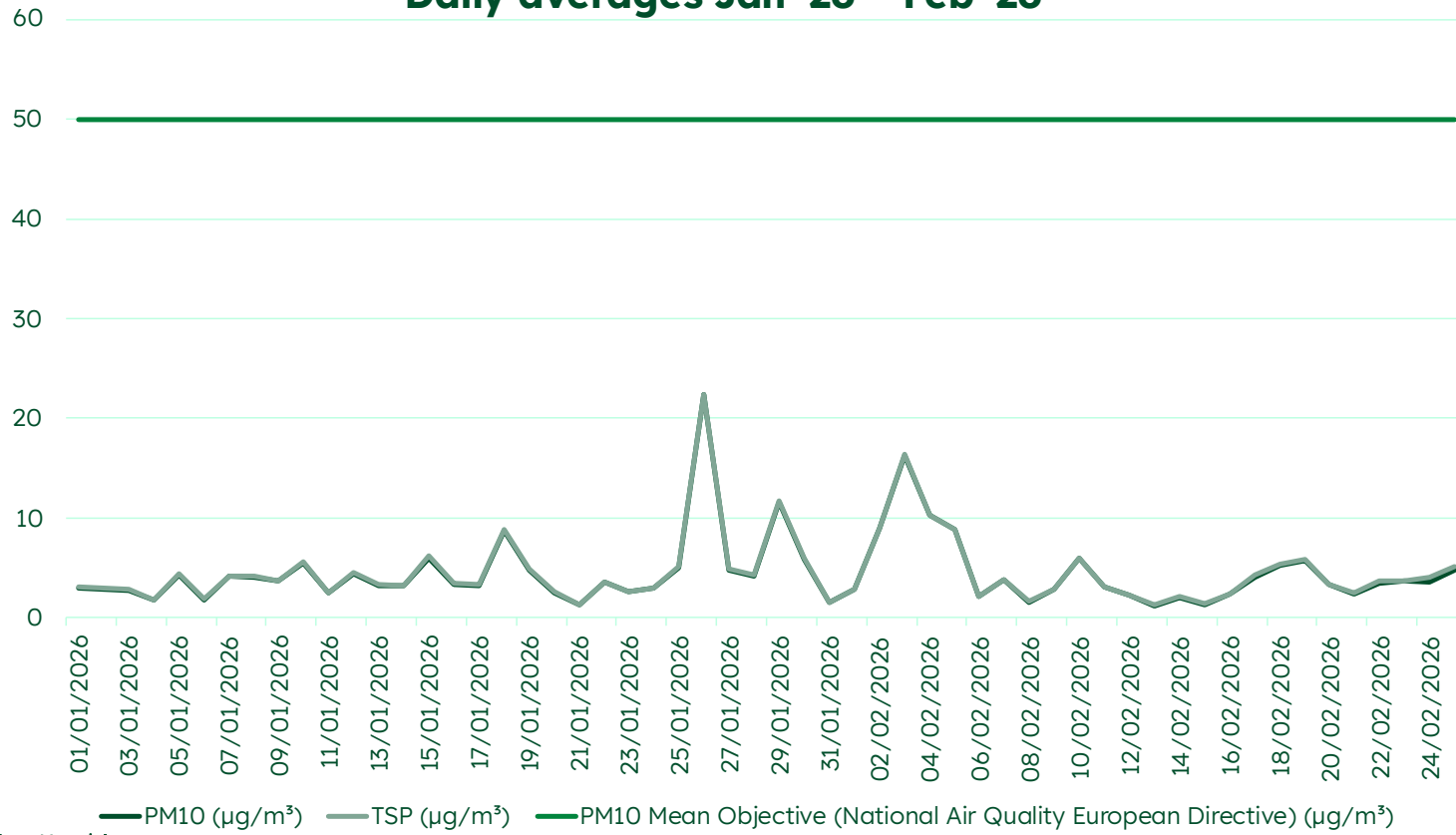
Only one complaint received in January:
Complaint was in relation to the use of a vacuumation unit for shutdown cleaning works.

Noise complaints received in February are all from the same complainant.
Complaint is of a low frequency droning noise.
Limited operations taking place on site at present.



Particulate monitor – bowling club

Daily averages Jan '26 - Feb '26



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Community support

- **Buckley Cricket Club** : £175.
- **Millstone Allotments** and Community Centre: 10 bags of PostFix concrete.
- **Penyffordd Drury Primary School** : £289 for high viz jackets for working outside school.
- **Penyffordd Bowling club** car park: 120 tonnes of aggregate.
- **Penyffordd Women's Institute** : £60 to help with printing costs.



Communication

Useful websites and contact information

Padeswood cement works

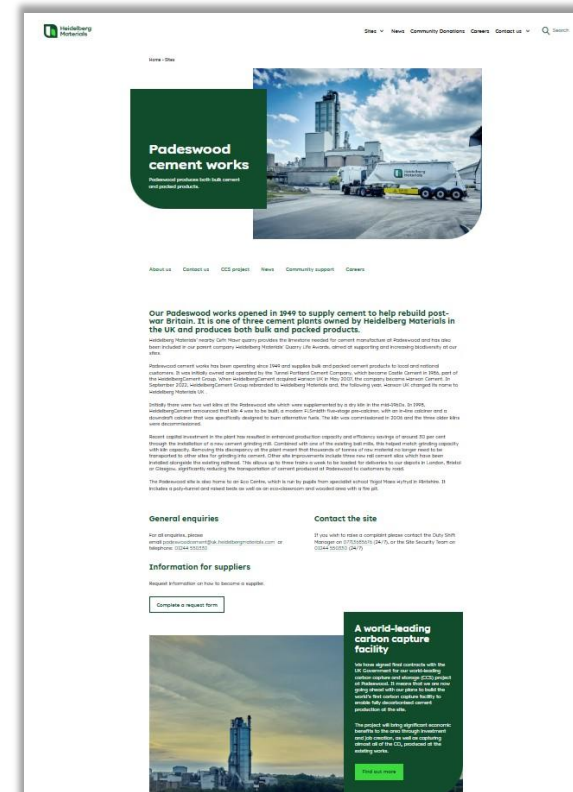
Webpage: heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/padeswood

Email: padeswoodcement@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com

Padeswood CCS project

Website: padeswoodccs.co.uk

Email: padeswoodccs@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com



Communication

Community matters newsletter

- 8-page newsletter distributed to around 20,000 households locally.
- Providing up-to-date information on the cement works and CCS project
- It also includes information on our work in the community.



Thank You.

