

PENMAENMAWR QUARRY **LIAISON MEETING MINUTES**

Location: Penmaenmawr Quarry

File: P59

Time & Date: 11:00 on 16 October 2025

Attendance:

Jack Pocklington	Heidelberg Materials UK
Joseph Ferguson	Heidelberg Materials UK
Donna Hughes	Heidelberg Materials UK
Alan Brown	Heidelberg Materials UK
Josh Saunders	Heidelberg Materials UK
Robin Wynne Williams	North Wales Minerals and Waste Planning Service
Steven Wynne Simonds	Conwy County Borough Council
Rhiannon Hayes	Conwy County Borough Council
Councillor Cathy Augustine	Penmaenmawr Town Council and Conwy County Borough Council
Councillor Anne McCaffrey	Conwy County Borough Council
Katie Phillips	Conwy County Borough Council

Minutes:

1.	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u>							
	Round table introductions							
	Explanation of business lines and responsibility for the quarry / asphalt operations	Jack Pocklington						
2.	<u>Apologies</u>							
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3.	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of DATE</u>							
	N/A							

4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> N/A	
5.	<u>Quarry Development Update</u> No changes to Quarry Development Plan. Working in the top of the quarry for single sizes to support internal asphalt plants and external customers in the north west and wales. Volumetrics are relatively stable. Potential for additional volume next year. Joe confirmed that once volumes are finalised in budget they will be able to be shared. Rough percentages of crushed aggregates split? Able to be provided based on the above. Estimate that 60% of aggs produced go to the concrete or asphalt plant. 200kt estimate for rail being sent by rail. Only operations during the day due to noise restrictions. Acoustic fencing has been erected, and conveyor covers have been replaced to reduce noise impact. Query over inspection methodology. Joe confirmed daily checks and regular risk assessment. We are compliant with HSE. Structural survey undertaken annually. Asset register and budgets query and explanation.	Joeseeph Ferguson
6.	<u>Asphalt Plant Update</u> Budget for next year is looking for a slight decrease, but overall follows general trends. Mixer is due to be upgraded to make it more efficient. Old motor of the plant to be removed to aim to make much quieter. Also upgrading the skip winch system, as old plant obsolete. Explanation as to the different ages of plant parts, dating back to 70s. This does not result in their being an issue with the plant as it always being repaired or upgraded. Servicing a lot of local utility companies. Asphalt plant production has improved over the past decade or so to increase profitability from a failing plant to a profitable one. Impression locally is that the plant is being used a lot more. Concern over ramping up of activity. This is not the case – production is the same. Query over the plant on Anglesey. Gwalchmai plant been closed since 2010, and decommissioned 2025. Confirmation that volumes are flat, but profile of works has changed. We are undertaking more night works and majority goes towards maintenance of A55. Some works going onto the Wirral.	Alan Brown

7.	<u>Planning, Monitoring/Compliance and Environment</u> Robin provides updates on the existing Planning Consent, time restriction conditions in place along with restoration. Monitoring visits undertaken twice a year. Self-regulated monitoring noted, undertaken by Donna. High level hopper can be seen from highway. Full misting system has been installed to prevent dust. Steven noted that he has undertaken random monitoring on the back of complaints but cannot be backed up by evidence. Noise and odour constraints associated with the Environmental Permit. Odour has to be persistent. Each individual complaint is followed up. NOx monitoring was setup in the village. 40mg is the max, was coming back at 3.7mg. Acoustic screening around the burner is being considered in 2026. Looked at deodorising but cost is prohibitive. Added another additive into the bitumen to reduce odours. Content has been doubled in comparison to standard. Looking at the potential for a new burner and improvements to the bag house in 2026. Laser triggered damping system coming in next year for the quarry haul roads. Query over Radon gas? Residents can use a noise app that is GPS linked to record any issues. New RCS controls coming in. Period of complaints over the past 6 years has been more to do with noise, dust and odour associated with the asphalt plant.	Robin Wynne Williams Donna Hughes Steven Wynn Simonds
8.	<u>Councillor Representation and Residents Matters</u> Residents will contact councillors and state that there is an issue with the quarry. Comment around general satisfaction that maintenance, risk assessment, HSE compliance acceptance is in place. How do we maintain and keep this running? Comment that the quarry fails with day-to-day residents' experiences. Comment over lack of presence from Aggregates AOM is disappointing. Issue in April over dust going into the village. Lack of communication to the councillors. Dampening is in place, but an issue. Issue with the stockpiles being put in the wrong place at Bonk Joly. Joe explained that stockpiles were moved on the day and will not be placed there again to prevent the issue occurring again. Joe will take emails and contact details prior to the end of the meeting to improve communication going forwards.	Cathy Augustine

	Seeking a high level meeting at other operators sites in Conwy. HMUK will not do this – we will have a meeting at the same level as this one. Query over Gary reaching out over Facebook? Communication and new website discussed to field complaints, comments etc. HMUK will not be engaging with social media. Robin explained liaison meetings at other sites in the Council area. High level meetings tend to not work, but the ground level Quarry Liaison Meetings are much better for implementing solutions. Offer of bi-annual QLMs – this being the first. To include town councillors and possibly representatives of a local group. Donna confirmed that the museum still undertake tours of the quarry. Steven explained there are noise concerns but cannot be attributed to the quarry. Also confirmed stockpile issue was dealt with swiftly.	Anne McCaffrey Cathy Augustine Robin Wynne Williams Jack Pocklington Donna Hughes Steven Wynn Simonds
9.	<u>Open Discussion</u> Concern raised over the road washed out issue. Confirmation over HMUK response and looking at works etc. s.19 Report has been issued in draft for review prior to publishing. Query over tunnel under the quarry conveyor. Confirmation not quarry ownership. Query over ownership / responsibility of Plas Mawr Parc. Clear water passing through the tunnel? Likely natural groundwater Look at mailing out an update on the community engagement site Pen to Paper? Restoration and poly-tunnel needs more publicity. Look at donating spare seed etc.? <u>Any Other Business</u>	Kathy Phillips Anne McCaffrey Cathy Augustine Robin Wynne Williams
10.	None.	
11.	<u>Actions</u> • HMUK to complete community web page and distribute to local residents and town council • Budget 26 figures to be distributed • Emails of councillors to be taken to communicate • Review flooding report and provide feedback / comments • Review community benefit funding? • Review public comms into local publications with Communications team • Look at other local stakeholders being involved in any QLM	Gary Meredith Joeseeph Ferguson Josh Saunders Jack Pocklington

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Time and Date for Next Meeting if Required

16 April 2026 @ 11:00.

**Jack
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