



**Dolyhir, Strinds and Gore Quarry  
Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes  
Held at Dolyhir Quarry on the 28th January 2016**

**1) Apologies:** Nesta Cooke - Local Residents Representative.

**2) Attendance:**

Cllr Michael Jones (Chair).

Keith James - Carmarthen County Council (Planning Officer).

Trevor Bell - Old Radnor Community Council.

Evan Jones - Old Radnor community council

Keith Morgan - Old Radnor Community council.

Malcolm Lawer - Estates manager (Tarmac).

Mike Jones - Unit Manager Dolyhir Quarry (Tarmac).

Dan Sylvester - Quarry Manager Dolyhir (Tarmac) also representing Gore Quarry.

**3) Quarry Manager's Report.**

**Gore Quarry**

DS explained that Gore had just finished a soil strip on the back of Old Radnor hill just before Christmas and that the quarry would be starting to extract rock from the stripped area from February. DS confirmed that no stripping at Gore was planned for 2016. DS also explained that Gore is still operating a double shift.

DS outlined plans for the water management system and explained that it would be installed to manage water discharges.

**Dolyhir Quarry**

DS explained that Dolyhir had had a quiet start to the year with regards to aggregate and asphalt sales. He explained that the asphalt plant was currently working nights supplying the Welshpool bypass and would be starting an eight week program of nights in the near future. DS also explained that Dolyhir was building a new aggregate

rinsing plant for surface dressing and that it would be operational during the second week of February.

#### **4) Estates Report/ Keith James Visit.**

KJ explained to the meeting that he had visited Dolyhir and Gore on the 28th to make sure that they were working in line with their planning permissions. KJ reported that he had found no issues with the visit and that both sites were working as they should be. KJ also explained that both sites were policing themselves and they both have to comply with a number of conditions relating to environmental performance and health and safety.

#### **Malcolm Lawer Report.**

ML explained that there were some schemes still outstanding with the Council but he thought that the majority had been submitted and may have been misplaced when mineral planning was effectively transferred from Powys to Carmarthenshire County Council. ML highlighted that none related to blasting.

ML also explained why the planning permissions expire in 2042, which was due to planning legislation. ML also explained that mineral planning permissions are reviewed every 15 years to ensure that conditions are up to date but not to actually remove permission.

KM asked about permitted plans for the quarries and ML confirmed that if anybody wanted to see them, that they were more than welcome to view the plans at the offices or as they are public records, could access them online.

ML presented plans for the proposed northern extension application for Dolyhir and showed the draft development plans that would be included in the application. He explained that it would be an extension to the quarry area but the application would not be seeking to change any other aspects of the quarry operation such as outputs, hours of operation, etc. The application is due to be submitted mid March 2016.

ML explained that a public consultation event was being held on the 24th of February at Walton Village hall and that all community Councillors would get an invite to attend, along with residents from properties within a two mile radius of Dolyhir. Malcolm also explained that Kington Town Council and Rural Parish Council would also be invited because the majority of HGV traffic goes in that direction. ML added that there would be a website with details of the proposals.

ML and DS explained to the meeting about the capital works being undertaken this year at Gore and Dolyhir in regards to water management. DS explained to the meeting that between the two quarries there was £800,000 being spent and the majority of this would be spent at Gore. Dolyhir has already put in a 33 kW pump to take excess surface water to the Strinds lagoon for storage.

## 5) Complaints.

ML referred to the complaints that had been sent via the Clerk to the Community Council.

Lighting at Dolyhir and Gore Quarry; DS explained that the lights at Gore Quarry needed to be on whenever staff were present on site, both in the evening and early morning for safety reasons, however the lights did not need to be on all night. DS also explained that the lights at Dolyhir from the office building to the asphalt plant area are always on at night when the asphalt plant is operating. DS added that both sites would look to review the lighting to make sure that they were only on when necessary.

Dust; DS reported that the quarry had not received any complaints about dust and there followed a discussion about whether and how dust from the quarry would impact Old Radnor because as the quarry develops in a westerly direction it would effectively take the operational parts of the quarry further away from Old Radnor.

Footpath on Old Radnor hill; following a complaint about rocks on the footpath and how the path needed to be maintained throughout the Spring and Summer months, DS told the meeting that he would make sure that all rocks were removed from the path and that any holes in the fence would be repaired. DS also explained that he would get a gardening company in to strip and look after the footpath once a month from February.

Following a complaint regarding a tree that was on the fence on the boundary on the Old Radnor side of Gore, DS confirmed he would get this removed and the fence repaired.

It was also mentioned that quarry vehicles were using Old Radnor village as a rat run to go to and from the quarry. It was agreed that it was not HGV's although some hauliers who live locally may go through the village. It was also discussed that because it is a public road, it would not be appropriate to stop people from driving through the village.

The condition of the road outside Dolyhir quarry was mentioned. MJ would liaise with Tarmac's contracting business to try and get pot-holes filled but it was explained that it is a public road and we could not just fix it.

The impacts from blasting at both quarries were discussed. ML and KJ explained the limits on the planning permission were set in accordance with Welsh Government guidance and the levels were designed to prevent damage to property. It was also explained that all blasts were monitored in accordance with the planning permissions and the results were available to the Council to survey.

Finally it was asked whether the quarry could plant more trees. ML continued to explain about restoration and that more trees would be planted over time.

## **6) Matters arising.**

As discussed in the meeting all matters arising have been covered while going through.

## **7) Any other business.**

ML explained that there would be a Dolyhir quarry website set up for the planning and that in time there would be one for Gore. ML explained that once the minutes had been approved by the meeting, they would be put onto the website for all to view.

Lisa Powell, Tarmac's Transport Manager, contact details were handed out so that anybody with an issue with Tarmac Lorries could contact her.

DS handed out a list of Quarry and Managers numbers at both sites so if the local residents had any issues, there was more than one point of contact.

ML explained that Tarmac had donated money to Kington primary school, the Wye & Usk Foundation and Herefordshire Wildlife Trust Birches Farm project.

DS also highlighted that Dolyhir had donated £250 for prizes for the Queen Mother's charity event that was happening soon.

The old Meeting Room opposite Dolyhir Quarry office was also discussed due to the rubbish that had been dumped outside of it. ML confirmed that Tarmac do not own it.

## **8) Date of next meeting:**

28th June 2016 - Dolyhir Quarry office.