

Quarry Liaison Committee

For the community of Llanarmon-yn-Iâl, Eryrys & Graianrhyd

Committee Members:

Chair: Adam Mackridge
Simon Garrett, Anne Peters, Richard Rogers

County Councillor (DCC): Terry Mendies

Minutes of the meeting held at Graig Quarry
at 4pm on 13 March 2023

Re: Discussion of issues raised by the community with the quarry manager.

Present: Nick Hughes (Tarmac), Adam Mackridge, Simon Garrett, Anne Peters, Terry Mendies, Bethan Peters (MotP)

Apologies: Richard Rogers

Items:	Action:
<p>1. Wheel washing</p> <p>New wheel washer has been installed. Due to the new road surface and recent snow, it is currently hard to say what the effect is on mud on the roads. Lorry drivers are required to use the wheel washer. Cones guide lorries to the wheel washer, but a small gap is needed for light vehicles.</p> <p>Some mud is being drawn into the road as verges are encroaching.</p> <p>N. Hughes is considering moving it to its original position (see point 2). Generator, cabling and CCTV is being installed which should help monitor the use of the wheel washer.</p>	<p>T. Mendies to liaise with T. Towers regarding verge encroachment.</p>
<p>2. Sheeting of wagons</p> <p>Drivers are responsible for sheeting. CCTV should help with monitoring the situation. Sheeting cannot take place till the load has been checked and weighed. N. Hughes thought moving the weighbridge and washer will help monitor the situation.</p>	<p>Quarry Liaison Committee to encourage the community to keep feeding back on unsheeted lorries.</p> <p>N. Hughes to work out a process for monitoring sheeting.</p>
<p>3. Road sweeping</p> <p>Sweeper sent out daily and covers the road from the turning for Park Farm, Llanarmon to the old school, Graianrhyd. Quarry Liaison Committee currently unsure how effective it is.</p>	<p>Quarry Liaison Committee will keep monitoring.</p>

<p>4. Speeding/considerate driving</p> <p>Re: report of horse being spooked by two lorries. One driver has been identified and reprimanded.</p> <p>N. Hughes was made aware that a Community Speed Watch which is being instigated in the community.</p>	<p>Quarry Liaison Committee to ask community to keep monitoring speeding/inconsiderate driving.</p> <p>N. Hughes to mention the Speed Watch to operators.</p>
<p>5. Wrexham hill</p> <p>A number of unloaded lorries returning to the quarry via Wrexham Hill was reported. Weight limit is 7.5T. Road very narrow in places even for cars. Lorries and cars often drive on the wrong side of the road at Pant Terfyn corner.</p>	<p>T. Mendies to liaise with Flintshire to look into signage “Not suitable for HGVs” at the Liver end and to compose a letter to be sent by N. Hughes to operators and drivers.</p>
<p>6. Plans for further activity at the site</p> <p>The physiological effect of previous blasts was reported. 6mm/s Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) is the maximum allowed. The most recent blast was only 1.2 mm/s. There are plans are to go down to 185m. Currently, 1 more layer to reach this depth.</p>	
<p>6.1. Issuing blasting dates</p> <p>Blasting is planned 1/month.</p>	<p>N. Hughes to send dates to Quarry Liaison Committee and H. Parish in FCC asap.</p>
<p>6.2. Reinstating sirens</p> <p>Sirens were reduced to short soundings due to the harmful psychological effect on Ukrainian refugees. There are none currently residing in the area.</p>	<p>Sirens to be reinstated to 5mins warning and then “all-clear” with immediate effect.</p>
<p>6.3. Limiting blast size</p> <p>Information was enquired about regarding blast restrictions. Dampening methods are available but not deemed necessary. It was noted that mineshafts in the area funnel the shock wave.</p>	
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>Enquiries were made concerning the flood lighting once the quarry has closed for the evening. Lights are placed on a timer and go off once the security guard has done his rounds. It was pointed out that this is a “Dark Skies” area.</p>	<p>“Dark Skies” will be taken into consideration when the new lighting is installed.</p>

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Signed  (Chair) Date: 17 March 2023