

Padeswood

Minutes

Subject: Liaison Committee

Date: 5th September 2011

Location: Board Room

PARTICIPANTS	Joseph Caruana Chairman	Leeswood Community Council	Gary Nancarrow	Flintshire County Council Planning
	Kevin Williams	Environment Agency	Colin Bithell	Penyffordd Community Council
	Margaret Jones	Penyffordd Community Council	Victoria Smith	Hanson Cement
	Ralph Hewitt	Resident	Alan Bennett	Hanson Cement
	Ron Hampson	County Councillor		
	David Quick	Hanson Cement		

APOLOGIES	Cindy Hines			
	Stewart Jones	Hanson Cement		

DISTRIBUTION THOSE PRESENT/ABSENT	Mr A Fuller	FCC Environmental Health
	Mr A Gunnion	Chief Executive, FLHB
	Mr H White	Ramblers Association
	Clerk to Buckley Town Council	
	Clerk to Penyffordd Community Council	
	Clerk to Leeswood Community Council	
	Clerk to Hope Community Council	

No	Item
1.0	APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTIONS
1.1	Apologies given & recorded on previous page and brief introductions given.
2.	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
3	MATTERS ARISING
3.1	Colin Blithell questioned the company position with regard to the rail. David Quick replied that unfortunately the rail link was not planned to go ahead in the immediate future as market forecasts did not indicate the requirement. This was planned to be reviewed again in 2015. CB then asked on what the company position was for Padeswood for the future. DQ replied that it was hoped and planned that there would be a volume increase from Padeswood in 2012 although this was still to be confirmed as definite by the company. A further question was then asked as to whether staff levels were to increase. DQ replied that we would hope to be able to staff the factory at a level that would sustain any increased level of production.
4.0	PLANNING
4.1	Gary Nancarrow confirmed that there were no applications ongoing with regards to the rail.
4.2	<p>GN stated that he had had a meeting with SAJ with regard to the landfill site that had not been used and the proposed restoration. SAJ had requested some information from the council but, due to archiving issues that information had been difficult to locate. Once that information had been forwarded to SAJ then the issue could move forward. It was re-iterated again that the position of all parties was that the land had not been of great agricultural value due to its water-logged nature and that a sympathetic restoration to a body of water would support bio diversification.</p> <p>GN confirmed that as the landfill site had not been put to use, the issue of restoration was not immediately pressing and the company had indicated that it was working within budgeting plans for the restoration work. The planning could be finished over the winter months with work potentially re-commencing in 2012.</p> <p>A question was asked as to whether there were ducks on the current pond to which the answer was given that ducks specifically hadn't been seen although bird life in general had been observed in the area.</p> <p>GN stated that a sympathetic restoration of this area would encourage more wildlife</p>

	to the area.
4.3	GN said that there had been a request, as part of a project to introduce broadband into the countryside to install a relay transmitter to Padeswood tower. Having checked the relevant documentation GN felt that the installation was permitted under the current development rights. Hanson have indicated that they do not have an issue with the installation.
4.4	GN also updated the committee on the consolidation of the Cefn Mawr permits. The report has now been written
5.0	COMPLIMENTS, CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS
5.1	Victoria Smith gave a resume of the complaints received by the site since the last meeting with a brief explanation of how the site justifies the complaint or not. Only five complaints had been received by the company, only one of which might be justified and this was for odour. A discussion was then had regarding odour, plume grounding and the relation to weather conditions. It was agreed that the potential for plume grounding was greater during blustery or rough weather conditions, but due to the transient nature of odour a link was difficult to establish.
5.2	Ron Hampson then asked if the site were burning tyres to which David Quick replied that they were not, hadn't for some time and that tyres were not part of the current alternative fuels strategy for the site. Joseph Caruana asked whether it was correct that there was a shortage of tyres in the UK to which David Quick replied that he didn't know as he had not been out into the market for them in many months.
6.0	OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS
6.1	David Quick said that the overall market position and strategy for the future was as stated earlier in the meeting. This was confirmed by Alan Bennett saying that the company had performed slightly better than originally forecast year to date. A brief overview of operations since the last meeting was given by David Quick detailing running times and periods when the kiln was off followed by the operational plan for the rest of the year. That is to continue the current campaign for a further two weeks, take the kiln down due to stocks being full and then run the kiln for approximately two weeks in November to fill up on stock for the year end.
7.0	ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MATTERS
7.1	Kevin Williams distributed graphical information of the complaints to date and said that they were the same as those reported by VS. He also commented that a couple of complaints that had been received were reported as issues that had occurred two or three weeks earlier. This did not allow for a proper investigation and the Hanson had been proactive by giving the complainants the shift manager's telephone number for any future queries so that the complainants could be visited straight away.

7.2	KW said that there were now monthly meetings held between himself and Stewart Jones and this was the only site that this occurred on.
7.3	<p>KW completed a part audit of the site on the 20th July '11 and focussed on maintenance of cement lines. All the required checks and repairs had now been completed. All individual pieces of pipe had been thickness checked, most in eight places, taking some considerable amount of resource. An ongoing monitoring programme for the cement lines had been implemented such that levels of deterioration can be measured. Initially this is on a 6 monthly basis. KW felt that the actions the site take are much improved with respect to this issue.</p> <p>DQ commented that to the best of his knowledge Padeswood were the only cement factory in the country to do this. KW said that he sits on the Cement Sector Group and had been questioned as to why Padeswood was being so vigorously regulated - these questions were not only coming from the cement industry but also the Environment Agency.</p> <p>JC noted that he was pleased that the site was monitoring the issue so carefully and being vigorously proactive</p>
7.4	KW went on to say that all actions required of the company detailed in the enforcement following the minor cement release in March '11 had now been met. The response to the enforcement notice was very detailed and showed a lot of effort had been put into it.
7.5	The Environment Agency hope to issue a newsletter in the near future, most like following the completion of the Public Health Wales enquiry. The exact date is yet to be determined
8.0	<p>AOB None</p>
9.0	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>
9.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 th Nov '11 in the Padeswood Boardroom at 6.30 pm.