

Dolyhir and Gore Quarries Community Liaison Meeting

Thursday 08.12.2023 19:00hrs

Attendees:

Keith Morgan -Community council

Evan Jones – Community council

Ed Jones – County councillor

Simon Malki – Dolyhir quarry operations manager

Neil Carter – Gore Quarry operations manager

SM – opened the meeting by reviewing the minutes from the last meeting held 27.06.2023, there were no outstanding actions for completion.

- Maintenance planned for the lime plant at Dolyhir to be able to produce 500T/day by the start of next year's lime season.
- Plans to move the big lagoon in Strinds to release quality limestone next year.
- Next years' production plans are to work Dolyhir down and upto Stones Farm(demolish when possible) Some stone to be donated.
- New screen and chute works are planned early in 2024 to improve reliability.
- Currently working a back shift until 22:00 on a temporary basis due to breakdown at Gore.
- Asphalt plant is quiet currently.
- Normal working conditions currently.
- Trespassing at Stones Farm once again, if re-occurrence, further action will be taken.

EvJ – Have all footpath diversions/alterations been fully signed off now?

SM – Yes at Dolyhir.

NC – Not finalised at Gore yet due to an objection, matter to be discussed in the Welsh assembly.

EdJ – Update on weighbridges please, who is operating as a public weighbridge?

SM – Dolyhir do not offer public weighing.

NC – Gore has now been removed from the public weighbridge list.

KM – Recently there have been occasions when vehicles have been stacking up along the public road waiting to enter Dolyhir Quarry, how can this be improved?

SM – We are aware for this issue, we plan to deploy the site supervisor should this issue arise again to direct all waiting vehicles to enter the block yard to open up the public road, the issue occurred due to a last-minute job being added with a high volume of external wagons being added who were not aware of the need to keep the public road free. Also, we are looking to change the position of the weighbridge, and car park if required.

KM – Do Powys Council have an update of the improvements needed to white – lining in the area?

EdJ – I shall investigate the availability of the white lining wagon in the area and book up.

EvJ – Would the quarry contribute towards crossing improvements, perhaps lights/signs etc to warn of the public road dissecting the quarry?

SM – Some signs were purchased, but Powys council objected to their installation due to not being of the correct council specification.

EvJ – What is production currently, are both sites slowing for the Winter/Xmas period?

SM – Dolyhir is very busy still assisting the shortfall from Gore due to their breakdown, lots of maintenance planned, when able to undertake.

NC – Gore production was level with sales still, until breakdown, expected to be running the secondary plant Wednesday afternoon, currently there is no backshift due to the current screen failure, are there any issues currently with blasting across the 2 sites following changing blasting supplies?

EvJ – No issues currently.

KM – Hedges need cutting, consistently some parts are getting missed.

SM – A contractor has been booked for January.

SM – Next year, both sites would like to contribute towards community improvements, via sponsorship/volunteering etc, do you have any ideas?

EdJ – Would this include school involvement, contributing to school trips?

SM – Yes, potentially, please send details of any project for consideration.

Actions

S Malki – Arrange for all parts of hedge to be cut.

Ed Jones – Arrange for White lining in area to be improved.

All – Communicate any projects requiring assistance to Tarmac for consideration.

I agree these are a true representation of the meeting held at Dolyhir Quarry 08.12.2023.

K Morgan –

Evan Jones –

Ed Jones –

S Malki – Simon Malki

N Carter – *N Carter*

Next meeting planed for Thursday 27th June 2024.