

Quarry Liaison Meeting Thursday 6th June 2024

Present: Simon Maliki (Dolyhir), Evan Jones, Kieth Morgan, Kevin Powell
(Chair Community Council)

Apologies: John Bright (Gore)

Local Water Supplies

Local water supplies and springs around the perimeter of the Gore, should be registered with NRW also with John Bright at the Gore.

Current Works

Gore:

Currently working on top benches at level 6 & 5 approximately above the bungalows at Old Radnor. The extent of the quarry workings will not move further out towards the boundary. Future work - once top benches are established will be going deeper into the quarry. The Gore is working 21 hrs per day, five days a week. Demand is currently strong for gritstone. Concerns of residents in property between the Old School and Yatt were relayed in the meeting: the workings are 120 metres away from residential properties and will not come closer. Blasting is monitored and measurements indicate is currently well within limits. Noise monitoring is being undertaken to mitigate disturbance as much as possible. Also in property surveys being carried out.

Dolyhir and Strinds:

Working will continue towards Stones Farm and then start moving away from Old Radnor. Stones Farm will likely be demolished within the next two years. Stones Farm will be used as a test bed, vibration recording equipment will monitor the effects of blasting in order to ascertain the effects of blasting near to the building. Information from these tests will be used to improve vibration effects of blasting in future. To respond to recent noise complaints at Old Radnor, machinery in Dolyhir does not operate on the top benches till after 7am. Tarmac are now using Orica as blasting contractors; they are considered to use advanced techniques to minimise ground vibration. New dust suppression systems are now operational on the plant. At Strinds new benches will be opened up near the lagoon concentrating on keeping the lime plant running; there is a strata of 1.5 million tonnes of limestone over gritstone to access. The quarry is also selling shale for infilling and scalping to be used locally. Georgina Kamp 07484 054938 is the contact for local sales orders of this nature.

Footpaths:

Diversions around Dolyhir are legally in place. The path around Old Radnor awaits final approval. As a result of representations from local walkers, RDB raised the possibility of improving the steep path on the corner of the Landmark field and the section of path above Walton walking North East. No improvements can be undertaken until the footpath receives final legal approval; improvements may then be considered.

Community Support Programmes

Put forward projects at any stage for consideration.

Kington Walks request consideration for continuing sponsorship of the walkers evening for September 2024. £500.

Sincere thanks were expressed from the PCC for the excellent job Tarmac are doing in maintaining the churchyard.

Communication

If problems or issues arise residents should 'phone or email either John Bright or Simon Maliki to communicate such issues. They will do their utmost to resolve them.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th December 2024 18:00 Hrs.

Minutes by RDB