CREIGIAU QUARRY
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
9th Sept 2015

ATTENDEES
Cllr Graham Thomas (Chair) – City of Cardiff Council
Cllr Gavin Hill John – City of Cardiff Council
Christine Priddy – Pentyrch Community Council
Nicola Howard – Pentyrch Community Council
Deb Hunt – Pentyrch resident
Pete Surma – Creigiau resident
Stuart Williams – Group Leader, City of Cardiff Council
Nigel Baker – Operations Manager, Tarmac
Graham Atyeo – Quarry Manager, Tarmac
Malcolm Lawer, Estates Manager, Tarmac

APOLOGIES
Stuart Thomas
John Harrison
Wynford Ellis Owen

1. Introductions
1.1 The Committee Meeting was preceded by a visit to Creigiau Quarry by members of the Community Council and Liaison Committee.
1.2 Pete Surma was introduced as the local resident’s representative for Creigiau.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting
2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2015 were approved.
2.2 The meeting was informed that Samuel Willis is the local police officer.
2.3 It was suggested that Graham Atyeo should copy the Community Council in to any incidents that are reported to the police. clerk@pentyrch.cc

3. Quarry Managers Report (Graham Atyeo (GA))
3.1 GA gave details of incidents at the Quarry since the last meeting;
   - Padlocks on the main gate and the Western Power gate had been superglued on two occasions.
   - The fence around one of the lagoons had been cut.
3.2 Members of the committee explained that locks on the gate to the Recreation Ground had also been glued.
3.3 GA explained that new fencing had been completed along part of the access road. It was highlighted at the site visit that the fence may have been erected across a right of way which ML undertook to check and the fence would be rectified if it was across a right of way.
3.4 GA confirmed that trespass from the Pentyrch side of the quarry was a historic problem.
3.5 GA explained that his main concern is trespassers trying to access the lagoons.
4. Estates Managers Report (Malcolm Lawer (ML))

4.1 ML confirmed that the planning application was submitted on 4th August 2015 and outlined details of the consultation responses that had been received from NRW and the Council's tree office. Stuart Williams (SW) explained that other consultation responses had been received.

4.2 SW suggested that the earliest planning committee date would be in November 2015 but given the issues that have been raised it could be a later date.

4.3 SW explained that there had been 144 local objects received to-date and confirmed that there was a back-log in publishing on the Council's website.

4.4 SW confirmed that responses should be sent to the Development Manager at the City of Cardiff Council.

4.5 Cllr Graham Thomas explained that the planning application was on the agenda for the September meeting of the Community Council.

4.6 Deb Hunt asked for clarity on how the impact on air quality and Pentyrch School in particular was being considered. ML outlined the controls that would be in place through the planning permission and processing plant Permit and that the plant Permit would be issued and regulated by the Environmental Health Officer at the Council. It was suggested that Sian James (EHO) from the Council should be approached regarding a meeting with the Head Master of the school to discuss the concerns and outline the regulations.

4.7 Deb Hunt asked about monitoring of vibration and highlighted that the distance to Bryn Glas referred to in the planning application was not correct. ML outlined the requirements for monitoring blasts at the closest vibration sensitive property, which is normally the closest inhabited property but further monitoring would be undertaken in response to complaints.

4.8 Deb Hunt explained that there were Council records of blasting complaints from Pentyrch for the period 1996 to 2001 but none from Creigiau. It was suggested that this may be due to changes to local authority boundaries and records may not have been transferred.

4.9 SW suggested that the Highways department at the Council should be contacted regarding historic complaints relating to the quarry traffic on the local roads.

4.10 Pete Surma tabled a plan showing a possible route for a new access in to the quarry from Heol Pant y Gored in to the south east side of the proposed quarry development. There followed some discussion about the proposal and ML undertook to give the idea serious consideration and report back to the next meeting.

4.11 ML outlined the discussions that he had with the Chairman of the Recreation Ground over improvements to the quarry entrance to separate quarry and recreation ground traffic.

4.12 ML explained the discussions that were taking place with the Council over the potential to improve sections of Heol Pant y Gored. The Council had suggested that improved passing places may be possible but ML had not seen any detail. ML explained that the owner of the land to the south of Heol Pant y Gored had agreed in principle to donate land to enable highway improvements. ML explained that Cllrs Thomas Graham and Gavin Hill John were being kept informed of the discussions.

4.13 Concern was expressed about the suitability of the former railway bridge on Heol Pant y Gored for HGV traffic. SW undertook to ensure that traffic impacts were being given proper consideration.

4.14 Deb Hunt queried what would happen with waste from the quarry. ML explained that waste rock and overburden would be tipped in the quarry or used in the restoration.
Other waste would be disposed of off-site.

4.15 It was explained that the petition against the quarry would be ready for submission to the Council by the end of the month.

4.16 Security of the site and control of fly tipping when operational as raised by members of the Committee. ML and GA explained that it was actually less of a problem when a quarry is operational because there is a regular presence of quarry personnel.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 None

6. Date of Next Meeting

6.1 6pm 21st October 2015 at Pentyrch Community Hall