

HANSON CEMENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE – THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT:	Terry Reynolds	-	Hanson Cement
	Simon Moorhouse	-	Hanson Cement
	Sam Wrathall	-	Hanson Cement
	Linda England	-	Bellman Committee
	Mary Gysbers	-	Bellman Committee
	Stephen Booth	-	Chatburn PC
	David Sharp	-	West Bradford PC
	Marilyn Wood	-	West Bradford PC
	Cty Cllr Albert Atkinson	-	LCC
	Jonathan Haine	-	LCC
	Phil Goodwin	-	Environment Agency
	Phil Dykes	-	Lancashire Wildlife Trust
	Cllr R Hargreaves	-	RVBC
	Cllr I Brown	-	RVBC
	Heather Coar	-	RVBC
	Olwen Heap	-	RVBC

1. Terry Reynolds welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced himself as the newly appointed site manager for Ribblesdale Works. All parties introduced themselves and it became apparent that it was a first meeting for several members.

- 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 - 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from RV Councillors Allan Knox, Richard Sherras and Ian Sayers.

- 3 MINUTES
 - 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015 were circulated and approved as a correct record.

4. OVERVIEW
 - 4.1 Terry suggested that Simon give the presentation that had been prepared and presented to Heidelberg (the parent company) earlier in the week. This gave an overview of the company and more specifically the operations at Ribblesdale.
 - 4.2 Specific reference was made to each of the quarries in relation to plant and production. Reserves remaining allowed for in excess of 40 years in Lanehead and 90 in Bellman.
 - 4.3 Details relating to Kiln 7 were outlined as well as the packing facilities and transportation operation which included both rail and road.
 - 4.4 The Health & Safety record was excellent with more than 500 days since the last employee accident and only 3 notifiable ones since 2009. The key tools used around Health & Safety were outlined.
 - 4.5 With regards to the Environment the reports to the Environment Agency showed a downward trend with only 1 breach this year. This was backed up by Phil Goodwin. Proposed improvements to the plant were explained. Outflow readings for both the Bellman outflow and the settlement pond outflow also showed a downward trend.
 - 4.6 Resident complaints had decreased over several years and the level was now steady with dust being the most common complaint.

- 4.7 A series of graphs were shown relating to the actual production on site that showed it was continuing in the right direction. The only exception was for alternative fuels which had never really achieved targets set.
- 4.8 Terry suggested a visit to the control room at the next meeting.
5. LANCASHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST
- 5.1 Phil Dykes informed the meeting that both Salthill and Crosshill quarries were managed by LWT and that over the last 10 years they had worked very closely with Hanson. He suggested that help could be given with the Biodiversity Action Plan in bringing Lanehead Quarry nature reserve back into a good state which would also be of benefit to the community. This could be done by managing the limestone grassland and the species it supports which requires work to cutting back encroaching tress, repairing the pond and managing the woodland area. There is currently a problem with 'ash dieback'.LWT procedures would be followed. Details would be discussed directly with personnel at Hanson.
6. AOB
- 6.1 A question was asked as to whether the damaged stack had been reduced in height during repair. It was confirmed that 30 metres had been taken out and replaced by 30 metres and therefore the stack remained at the same height.
- 6.2 Lynda asked that the 'dog fouling' signs be replaced in the nature reserve at Lanehead.
- 6.3 A tour of the quarry at Coplow was given to those who wanted to go. Tenders had been received to restore this site and works would commence in 3 weeks time. The Environment Agency would have personnel on site. There was the potential that this site could be opened up to the public in the future. Please note that the main contractors have been selected and work is expected to commence at the end of October.
7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- 7.1 The next meeting of the Hanson Cement Liaison Committee will be held on Thursday 24 March 2016.