
TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting held at The
Tanyard, Tongwynlais on Sept 19th 2016.
Meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

ATTENDANCE: **Community Councillors:** Chairman Brian Griffiths, Graham Walters, Chris Morgan, Mike Griffiths, Linda Morgan, Mike Jones-Pritchard

Clerk: Nadine Dunseath

Hope Construction Materials: James Coleman
James Ayo

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Ceri Morgan, Cllr Julie Jones, Cllr Peeter Tiidtt

1. COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGREEMENT WITH PREVIOUS COMPANY

This agreement is still in place.

- a) Construction lorries are not to turn left at the junction of Mill Lane/Merthyr Road and travel past the school during specific times of 8.30 to 9.30 am, and 3.30 to 4.30 pm.
- b) Drivers must not exceed the 20 mph speed limit in place through the village.
- c) No vehicle can start or leave the plant before 6 am.

It is part of company protocol to make new drivers aware of this agreement as part of their induction process.

It has been noted by village residents that construction lorries have left the plant prior to 6am. Hope Construction are to reiterate the agreement with all their drivers. However, vehicles leaving site on a Monday only, do so at 5am as they are away for the whole week and are required at London/Birmingham for shift commencement at 07:30 am. These vehicles are empty and will make very little noise, the vehicle drivers have all been briefed and all these vehicles have been instructed to turn right at the Lewis arms so as to avoid the speed humps going through the village.

2. SPEED OF LORRIES TRAVELLING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

There is a notice for drivers within the plant stating that drivers must not exceed the 20mph speed limit in place within the village.

Tongwynlais Community Council is considering placing an electronic road sign on Merthyr Road for any vehicle leaving the village, which will flash up the speed they are travelling and reinforce that they are still within a 20mph speed restriction. Hope Construction is considering the possibility of financing this road sign.

If village residents are aware of vehicles travelling fast through the village, or driving without consideration to others. Hope Construction requests that residents note registration numbers of the vehicles and let the company know. Cement lorries are fitted with forward facing cameras, so Hope Construction can monitor if there have been any driving issues. Hope Construction may be able to add numbers to their lorries (1,2,3,4 etc) to help identify them , although there are only 2 lorries they could number. They are unable to number the incoming material lorries, as they are not owned by Hope Cement.

Empty lorries travelling over the speed bumps on Merthyr Road are causing a disturbance to residents. Hope Construction are to ask drivers to slow down for the speed bumps or to straddle them to reduce noise.

3. SPILLAGES OF CEMENT ON VILLAGE ROADS

Drivers should be aware when their vehicle has spilled. When a spillage has been reported to the company it has been cleaned up very quickly. Hope Construction are to produce a poster to place in the village, so residents know how to report a cement spillage. Hope Construction are able to check vehicle records to ensure the spillage has not occurred from another company operating in the area.

4. NUMBER OF LORRIES TRAVELLING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Hope Construction has erratic workloads with some quiet periods, as well as very busy times. Whilst drivers are required to be considerate to residents, and to work within specific times, Tongwynlais Community Council may not limit the number of vehicles travelling through the village.

5. HOPE CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS

Hope Construction has received unexpected visits from local residents. It is not recommended for local residents to enter the premises without prior arrangement for health and safety reasons due to large vehicles and machinery in operation. Tongwynlais Community Council apologises to Hope Construction for any inconvenience caused to them from residents entering their premises.

Parked cars in the village are causing a problem for the cement lorries. It is proposed that double yellow lines are to be placed on Mill Road as far as the Lewis Arms car park, which will help traffic turning at the Mill Road/Merthyr Road junction. Some residents have commented on the size of the cement delivery lorries, which often have difficulty manoeuvring through the parked vehicles and turning into Mill Road, however the delivery lorries are of a standard size. These bulk artic cement tankers are limited not to arrive at Tongwynlais village before 10am to avoid the busy rush hour.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hope Construction and Tongwynlais Community Council are keen to work together. It is intended to meet every 6 months in April and October.

Clerk to forward the dates of the next few Community Council meetings to Hope as they would be welcome to attend with any issues or concerns they may wish to raise with the council.

Hope Construction to attend the Community Council meeting in April 2017.

Hope Construction would like to help the local community with the possibility of fund raising for local projects.

Hope Construction are concerned their company may be seen as bad for the environment with cement spillages or dust emissions. They are keen to stress that they are regulated and must comply with environmental laws. They have emergency procedures in place to stop any dust or pollution escaping into the atmosphere.

Hope Construction have invited members of Tongwynlais Community Council to attend a tour of the cement works to gain a deeper understanding of the work they do and the processes they run, as well as the opportunity to go out with one of the cement drivers.