Cromford Quarry Liaison Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 6.30 pm
Venue: The Cromford Institute, Cromford

Present

- **Chair:** Councillor Richard Walsh
- **Members:** Andy Porter (Derbyshire County Council), Karen Carpenter (Environmental Health, Derbyshire Dales), Julie Walsh (Slinter Mining Co. Ltd.), Katie Collins (Collins Earthworks – Ball Eye Quarry), Tony Gregory (Slinter Mining Co. Ltd.), Cllr Richard Grover (Bonsall Council)
- **Clerk:** Katherine Furby

1. Apologies for Absence

- Andrew Caille – (Retired)
- Councillor Birch
- Adrian Hunter (Derbyshire County Council)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (15 October 2025)

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None to discuss

4. Spillage from Lorries/Dust in Cromford

None to discuss

5. Reports

I. Environmental Health – Karen Carpenter

- It was reported that there have been no inspections since the last meeting and no complaints received. There is a planned visit to Slinter Mining in the next month. As Karen is retiring, future agendas, minutes and any enquiries are to be sent to the general email address, envhealth@derbyshiredales.gov.uk. Thanks and well wishes were given to Karen.

II. Tarmac Ltd

- There have been no further works on dene hollow since the last meeting, there is a planned blast to do a dry waterfall v shape where dene hollow comes down. The blaster has the co-ordinates and this will be done within the next month. JC Balls have been carrying out the sweeping since last September, it was reported that the road is in a clean condition.

III. Slinter Mining Co. Ltd – Helen Ward

- A resident of Bonsall reported a single occasion when, due to a south-to-north wind direction, machinery noise from the quarry could be heard, the matter was reported to Andy Porter DCC. The resident, who lives close to the quarry, advised that quarry noise is not normally heard from their property and that no further incidents have been reported since. It was noted that this appeared to be an isolated occurrence associated with the particular wind conditions.
- Members noted that the slinters have now moved into a new planning area, resulting in reduced noise levels in this area. It was also reported that works have been carried out including re building the boundary wall where new planning permission has been granted.
- The quarry was reported to be operating at a lower level of activity, which may be due to increased Government tipping charges.
- R. Grover advised that some complaints relating to the quarry had been received. These were non-specific, relating to general quarry noise rather than any particular incident.

IV. Collins Earthworks – Ball Eye Quarry

- No issues to report, the blasting schedule is online for viewing. Currently planning an open day for this year, date to be emailed out.

V. Minerals Officer – Derbyshire County Council – Andy Porter

Report given of complaints received

- 15th October 2025 – Reported at last meeting – said to sound like something dropped from height – discussed with BEQ manager, reminded to make sure care taken when loading trucks.
- 12th November 2025 – Slinter Top/Ball Eye – reported as very noisy. Wind direction noted as from SSE at time so possibly Slinter. AP explained that very unlikely to be breaching limit.
- 27th November 2025 – Report of concern relating to blasting vibrations. Unable to discuss with complainant, messages left and no response received. Discussed with BEQ manager.
- Sunday 30th November – early morning noise, reported to be extraction or processing noise. AP explained highly unlikely to be quarry related. Discussed with Ball Eye and Slinter, it was neither of them. Checked with DCC Tree Team regarding Via Gellia works, also not them. AP unable to identify source of the noise.
- 18th December 2025 – Complainant reported noise from BEQ, AP attended straight away, met with complainant and discussed – likely to be down to wind direction but breach not likely to be occurring.
- 19th December 2025 – Working times for STQ requested as pecking taking place on Saturday morning.
- Dene Quarry – last complaint 14th February 2024.

6. Any Other Business

No matters to discuss.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 6.30 pm** at The Cromford Institute, Cromford.