

SWRAWP
Minutes of the RTS Sub Committee
26th July 2006

<u>Present: -</u>	<u>Action: -</u>
<p>Martin Hooker (Chairman), Bridgend County Borough Council Steve Bool, Bridgend County Borough Council Malcolm Lawer, QPA – Tarmac Mark Russell, QPA – BMAPA Tony Gilman, BAA Carol A Williams, Pembrokeshire County Council / NPA Karen Maddock-Jones, Countryside Council for Wales Anthony Wilkes, Environment Agency Wales Neville Morgan, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Chris Morgan, Welsh Assembly Government Sue Martin, Welsh Assembly Government Ruth Amundson, Caerphilly County Borough Council Andy Bull, Powys County Council Martin Lucas, Vale of Glamorgan Council</p>	
<p>1. <u>Apologies</u></p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the last meeting dated 13th December 2005</u></p>	
<p>Agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Matters arising</u></p>	
<p>Paragraph 4. SM to forward IMAECA protocol to SB for circulation to RTS sub committee members.</p>	SM
<p>4. <u>Annual Survey 2004</u></p>	
<p>SB gave an update regarding the current situation. Report is being finalised with a view to issue in the next few weeks.</p>	SB
<p>MR confirmed harbour dredging figures are available from DEFRA. MR to liaise with SB. It was reported the Neath harbour authority had landed significant tonnages to the Baglan Energy Park.</p>	MR
<p>5. <u>QPA data for RTS</u></p>	
<p>No data was presented. MF considered no industry comments / data could be made until the annual survey 2004 had been completed. SB confirmed he was still awaiting information from the industry to complete the survey.</p>	
<p>TG considered that consumption of aggregates was directly related to</p>	

<p>the current population and nothing needed to be added other than reference to major projects.</p> <p>SM reported that the 3rd monitoring report ODPM / DCLG indicated a very stable demand figure for Wales up until 2016. There did not appear to be any reason why this should change as an overall pattern. MF / ML confirmed they had not seen the report. MH agreed to raise the issue of QPA data with Viv Russell, with the benefit of the annual survey 2004.</p> <p>It was agreed the RTS needed to address the potential impact of major projects such as the Seven Barrage and marine dredging etc. MH suggested there may be a case for some scenario writing to try and assess the likelihood of some of these major projects coming on stream during the RTS 15 year plan period. MR confirmed he would liaise with J McLoughlin to obtain some informed judgement on marine dredging.</p> <p>The question of whether or not the RTS should address hard rock used as not only aggregates but non-aggregates was raised. The difficulties of differentiating between aggregate / non-aggregate reserves in the Vale of Glamorgan was outlined by ML. It is evident that some quarries provide hard rock which is suitable for both aggregate / non-aggregate end uses and changes between the end uses are significant and common place. MH agreed to discuss this issue with SM / CM.</p> <p>It was agreed the revised 2004 annual survey, subject to outstanding data being received, be finalised within the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>QPA representatives confirmed they would produce the data set out in the recent agreement with WAG i.e. 1. Supply up to date figures on production. 2. Provide a view on future demand and trends, by the 26th September 2006.</p> <p>6. <u>Schematic flowchart</u></p> <p>Discussion focussed on the key issues raised by the schematic flowchart which attempts to set out the fundamental steps in the RTS process. The associated paper (Paper 8(ii)) was also referred to, which describes each step in a little more detail.</p> <p>KMJ questioned whether or not the reference to SEA in the flowchart meant that this assessment was going to be included as part of the process. MH confirmed he had written to the WAG confirming that in his view SEA was not relevant to the process. Reference was made to his letter to WAG. No response has been made by WAG who have noted the comments. It was agreed that copies of the letter in question be forwarded to KMJ and AW.</p> <p>It was agreed reference to SEA would be omitted from the flowchart.</p> <p>It was agreed the title of the paper "List of SWRAWP sites which are</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>SB</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MH / SM / CM</p> <p>SB</p> <p>ML / MF / MR</p> <p>SB</p> <p>SB</p>
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<p>considered likely / unlikely to reactivate to in the next 15 years” would be amended to delete reference to the 15 year period. Once revisions have been made, a new list to be circulated as soon as possible.</p> <p>It was agreed the issue of treating high psv sandstone as a special case would be considered at a later stage in the RTS process.</p> <p>7. <u>Appropriate assessment (AA)</u></p> <p>KMG / AW questioned whether or not the RTS process required AA. KMG was asked to confirm her views once SB / SM had written to her explaining why the IMAECA process could be construed as carrying out environmental assessment with the ultimate aim of informing the decision making process leading to apportionment.</p> <p>It was acknowledged guidance on applying appropriate assessment to regional plans was required.</p>	<p>SB</p>
<p>Paper 11 regarding reserves was tabled and the need for revisions was acknowledged.</p> <p>8. <u>AOB</u></p> <p>SM reported: -</p> <p>(i) Faber Maunsel had been successful in tendering for the construction and demolition waste survey for 2005. (Aggregates Levy Fund)</p> <p>(ii) Ian Thomas (National Stone Centre) confirmed as new NWRASP secretary for 1 year contract.</p> <p>(iii) SWRAWP contract – BCBC approval still required MH.</p> <p>(iv) AM2005 – suggestion that letter be sent to all MPA’s reminding them of the deadlines. Acknowledged that SB had already done this.</p> <p>(v) IT to forward a letter re AM2005 to North Wales RAWP.</p> <p>(vi) TG suggested that any comments on subsequent papers put before RTS sub committee to be emailed to SB <u>prior</u> to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Date of next meeting</u>:- 26th September 2006 at 10am, Innovation Centre, Science Park, Bridgend</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>MH</p> <p>IT</p> <p>ALL</p>

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