

Minutes of the
Regional Technical Statement
(RTS) Sub Committee(draft)
Tuesday 6th March 2007
1.00pm Plas Glyndwr Offices, Kingsway, Cardiff

<u>Present:</u> -	<u>Action:</u> -
<p>Martin Hooker, (Chair) Bridgend County Borough Council Steve Bool, (Secretary) Bridgend County Borough Council Richard Millard – QPA Tony Gilman – BAA Neville Morgan – Neath Port Talbot County Council Carol A Williams, Pembrokeshire County Council & Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority Karen Maddock-Jones, Countryside Council for Wales Sue Martin, Welsh Assembly Government Ian Thomas – National Stone Centre Ruth Amundson, Caerphilly County Borough Council</p>	
<p>1. <u>Apologies</u></p>	
<p>Andy Bull, Powys County Council Anthony Wilkes, Environment Agency Wales Martin Lucas, Vale of Glamorgan Mark Russel – BMAPA Malcolm Lawer – QPA (Tarmac)</p>	
<p>It was noted the QPA representation at meetings would be limited to 2 representatives in future. The significant contribution to work on the RTS by Mark Frampton was acknowledged.</p>	
<p>The retirement of Andy Bull was also noted and his contribution to mineral related work for the SWRAWP was also acknowledged.</p>	
<p>IT introduced himself and explained his role with the development of the RTS in South Wales.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the last meeting – 7th November 2006</u></p>	
<p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Matters arising</u></p>	
<p>Paragraph 2. MR to confirm level of maintenance dredging carried out which often leads to the resultant material being sold without the benefit of the Aggregates Levy.</p>	<p>MR</p>

Paragraph 2 re. appropriate assessment (AA). Arising from a question by KMJ, MH confirmed the issue of AA had been dealt with and no further action would be taken to carry one out. KMJ requested that her view that one was considered necessary be noted.

Paragraph 3. RM sought agreement of the wording of the 'preferred option for supply' which was the subject of much discussion at the last meeting. SB confirmed that RM, in liaison with SM / IT, had sought to obtain a wording that would satisfy all parties following the last meeting.

Various wordings were considered to some of the bullet points but eventually it was agreed that the following was generally acceptable to the majority of those present.

1. Maximise the use of secondary aggregates.
2. Maximise the use of construction and demolition waste.
3. Safeguard land based minerals which may be needed in the long term.
4. Acknowledge that where the principles of sustainable development can be achieved, the extension of existing aggregate quarries is likely to be appropriate.
5. Where there is a need for new areas of aggregates supply, these should come from locations of low environmental constraint and taking into account transport implications.
6. Maintain supply of marine aggregate consistent with the requirements of IMADP.

There were some concerns raised about the definition of some of the phrases used in 1-6 above, but it was agreed that MPPW should be consulted for the appropriate references / definitions.

4. RTS – report structure and actions

IT gave a brief resume of the papers circulated prior to the meeting i.e. South Wales RTS – draft revised contents, and South Wales RTS issues. AM2005 data is also available now to provide baseline data.

IT confirmed the issue of transportation should be added to Section 3 Key issues.

With respect to marine aggregates, SM gave an explanation of the current supply patterns highlighting the stages the various applications for the licence areas had reached.

Regarding the issue of fiscal influences, MH referred to the forthcoming Planning Gain levy which may have significant implications for the development process. It was considered the Aggregates Levy rate of £1.70 / tonne was unlikely to change in the near future but it was under

<p>review and may be reviewed periodically rather than annually. RM agreed to give a brief update on this issue on behalf of the QPA.</p>	<p>RM</p>
<p>After general discussion, it was agreed there was no need to go back to consider <u>draft options</u> as attention now seemed to be focussed on the <u>preferred option</u> stage. It was agreed that there needed to be an explanation of the thought process behind the <u>draft revised contents</u> paper by IT. It was agreed IT would proceed to develop a full contents paper based on the draft revised contents paper by the <u>4th May 2007</u>.</p>	<p>IT</p>
<p>SB confirmed he would check with selected non-QPA members as to their feelings on the disclosure of information to hopefully overcome confidentiality problems per MPA for the RTS process.</p>	<p>SB</p>
<p>CW considered the RTS sub committee meetings should be all day rather than half day and everyone agreed with this suggestion.</p>	<p>SB</p>
<p><u>South Wales – Issues paper</u></p>	
<p>With respect to the issue of <u>secondary and recycled aggregates</u>, it was noted that despite some reservations the Faber Maunsell and WET reports should be used as baseline data. This should be augmented by local MPA knowledge wherever possible. RM advised information was available via the QPA and this would be forwarded to SB as soon as possible.</p>	<p>RM</p>
<p>It was queried whether or not the WET report was available for examination other than by the WAG / RAWP's. SB to advise as soon as possible.</p>	<p>SB</p>
<p>It was acknowledged the issue of marine supply needed to be understood in more depth and MR would be asked to prepare a position statement on behalf of BMAPA / QPA.</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>In view of the limited time available for discussion, members of the group were invited to submit their comments on the papers produced by IT to SB by the 16.3.07 who would then collate / circulate to all members.</p>	<p>ALL SB</p>
<p><u>Dormant sites</u></p>	
<p>IT identified the need for analysis of the dormant sites data and how it would be interpreted. SB confirmed in South Wales an exercise had already been circulated and was available for use in calculating reserve figures. RM considered the reserve figures should be used with a degree of caution as many were based on estimates rather than detailed site analysis. RM offered to examine the confidentiality of individual QPA site data if required.</p>	
<p>In relation to transport movements of aggregates RM considered the</p>	

geography of South Wales had a strong influence on the direction of movements i.e. movements were generally north to south due to the configuration of the valleys.

5. Date of next meeting: Monday 14th May 2007 at 10:30am. Plas Glyndwr Offices (Tryfan Boardroom), Kingsway, Cardiff