OUTSIDE BODIES ANNUAL REPORT 2004-05

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ESKETT QUARRY LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Lead Member: Councillor Cath Giel

Summary of key issues in 2004-05:

This group officially meets once a year - usually in May. There is a subsequent meeting later in the summer where the Group meet to tour the facilities and view any new developments. I was unable to attend last year's meeting as it clashed with my holiday arrangements. However, the themes tend to be consistent year on year:

 Building a good working relationship with the local community, taking on board resident complaints and/or concerns and distribution of charitable funding to worthy local causes.

Issues have featured, and continue to feature, on trespassing by locals - both adults for shooting purposes and children using quarry land as some sort of adventure playground. Quarry management and the Liaison Group are concerned for trespassers safety and welfare.

This year's meeting has been scheduled for Monday 23/05/05 and I will be attending.

Agenda items of note are:

- Rogue White Alsation Dog, plaguing the area and accessing quarry land to kill sheep (9 so far). Repercussions with farming community and possible use of firearms.
- Son of Aggregate Levy funding will there be one, funding criteria, who is eligible.

In addition, request for funding will be considered and awarded at the meeting.

Cath Giel 8 May 2005