

**West Midlands HAUC Materials and Technology Group
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 15th May 2014
Solihull MBC**

Present

John Crowther	Telford and Wrekin Highways
Phil Baker	Nu-Phalt Ltd
Jane Harris	Intaspire Ltd
Alex Wright	Instarmac Group plc
Ian Humphries	Morrison Utility Services
Bob Lloyd	Worcestershire County Council
Darrell Williams	National Grid
Karl Stopps	Balfour Beatty Utilities
Hannah Haeffner	Lafarge Tarmac
Stephen Waldron	D and L Contractors
John Vaughan	LMS (PN Daly)
Phil Cartmail	Staffs County Council
Emma Loach	Staffs County Council
Andy Ward	Amey

**Agenda
Item**

Action

1.0

Apologies

- Graham Smith - National Grid Gas
- Gez Romano - Warwickshire County Council
- Gareth Yanulevitch - Amey
- John English – Balfour Beatty Utilities
- Justin Holt – LMS (PN Daly)
- Nick Russell Kier MG

2.0

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Closure of Actions

2.1

WMHAUC Website.

The domain has now moved from South Staffs to Aldercross who will manage the site.

Next step is to populate ideally with the following information and features:-

- Mission statement
- Constitution
- Approved minutes
- Access for questions
- Materials trials and relevant information
- Links to HAUC FAQ Page
- SROH Link

BL

WMHAUC Website continued....

- Balfour Beatty Utilities Notes for Guidance Winter Working Practice Document
- WRAP Protocol – a link to the WRAP Website

This website item will remain on the minutes for each meeting to consider any items that require inclusion on the website.

2.2 WRAP and Testing

Phil Cartmail to provide a copy of the notes regarding the new Advice Note for slot cutting

PC

2.3 West Midlands HAUC Materials Awareness Day 25th February 2014

This was a well-received day and feedback has been circulated, although delegate numbers were down by 30 people.

It was agreed to organise another Materials Awareness Day for January 2015 and BL to check with Worcestershire County Hall bookings and to find a suitable date for this event. (Bob has now booked this for Tuesday 13th January 2015)

The Materials Group will come up with a suitable theme at the next meeting on 7th August 2014.

JC suggested we advertise the Materials Day on the Materials Group stand at the WMHAUC Roadshow along with a topics questionnaire to gain feedback. It will also be promoted at the 3 HAUCS at Harrogate in June 2014.

JC/BL

2.4 Worcestershire HAUC

The next meeting is Tuesday 8th July 2014 at Worcestershire County Hall. Presentations would be welcome, if there are any proposals please contact Bob Lloyd.

2.5 West Midlands HAUC Roadshow 9th and 10th September 2014

At the moment sales of exhibition stands are slow and there was a discussion about whether to have the outside exhibition stand area. However, PB announced that JCB had agreed to exhibit on this area which should attract good attention. WMHAUC Materials Group are to have a stand and will have a feedback questionnaire asking people what issues they have and what information they would like to see in the SROH new revision. It will also promote the next Materials Group Material Awareness Day planned for January 2015.

- 2.6 Quality Standard of Recycled Type1and WRAP Protocol.**
KS asked if tests should be done. AW responded that no tests were required
HH informed that demand for HBM's had increased over the last 6 months
IH suggested that Flowable HBM's would be an advantage as it takes away the human element and is quicker to complete the work supporting increased pressure to reduce works presence on the highway. It was agreed that good organisation is the key to the success of this method and material, with multi utility collaboration and synergy being paramount.
Agreed to leave on the minutes for future discussion
- 2.7 Low Temperature Asphalt**
As previously stated the West Midlands Highways Alliance are currently evaluating this material. PC confirmed that authorities would prescribe its use. HH informed that Lafarge Tarmac are now supplying Utilow a range of low temperature asphalts
- 3.0 New Agenda Items**
- 3.1 SMR (UK) Ltd and Reconomy Presentation**
Seb Love of SMR and Karl Rose of Reconomy gave an informative presentation about their partnership producing bulk recycled stabilised material. Information on the structure, logistics and quality of the system as well as A9 approval and Local Authority sign offs were given. An excellent debate ensued on the quality process and the A9 Specification. The conclusion was that there are no issues with this process.
- 3.2 Stablearth and West Midlands HAUC Materials Group A9 Approval**
Stablearth are seeking WM HAUC Materials Group A9 Approval. The Group are still awaiting requested documentation on A9 Trial including CBRs and compressive strength test results. **JC**
- 3.3 WM HAUC A9 Trail Process Draft Document Comments**
PC and JC met and evaluated the WMHAUC A9 Process Document and will send the final edition to BL for inclusion on the website. KS commented that a short process could be included to deal with unusual engineering reasons. JC thanked Staffordshire County Council for their work on this document, **JC**

3.4 WM HAUCMG Materials Awareness Day and Future Events Feedback

See Minute 2.3 for information

WRAP Protocol Document Update

The latest WRAP Protocol Document Update was reviewed comments were

- 3.6**
- Sampling regime is more onerous- is the recycling industry keeping up with this?
 - Quality documents are not always available
 - Is testing done at the correct frequency
 - This document doesn't cover every aspect so it is recommended to still refer to industry standards. So it should include every requirement or at least make reference to the correct standards to provide a seamless specification and information

Viafix Extreme Performance Cold Asphalt

PC stated that the 6mm grade of this product is approved for interim use as a 90 pen equivalent in footways.

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PB – WM HAUC Roadshow looking for innovative stands for the outside exhibition area.

4.0 JH – Updated everyone on forthcoming relevant events

HH – Will shortly be on maternity leave and asked if her maternity replacement Paul Williams be accepted on the group? Everyone accepted

BL- Asked for advice on what was the correct amount of chippings to be used on a small reinstatement. PC's response was that it was about ensuring the correct surface texture depth.

Also, BL put forward a photo of a water boundary box that had been sealed with overbanding and asked if this was an approved product. Concern was raised about heating the sealant next to the plastic boundary box.

IH – Response was that it was the responsibility of the undertaker to choose how to seal the boundary box and is currently evaluating a product called Tremflex from Illbruck Tremco

Date and venue of next WMHAUC Materials Group Meeting.

Venue to be confirmed

5.0 Next meeting date Thursday 7th August 2014, Start time TBC am. Venue TBC for Solihull MBC, Solihull Civic Suite, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands. B91 3QZ

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