



The participants at the first meeting viewing the site. Left to right - Patrick Molloy, Darren Mcadam, Seamus Murphy, Adrian Madden, Alan Fallon, Brian Coogan, Denis Murray, Kevin Dooley, Rory Flynn & Pat Molloy.

CQMS '15

IRELAND'S CONSTRUCTION AND QUARRY MACHINERY DEMONSTRATION SHOW

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CQMS '15 Inaugural Committee Meeting

A typically wet November failed to dampen the enthusiasm at the inaugural meeting of the planning committee for Ireland's very own Construction and Quarrying Machinery Show, or CMQS15 for short, which is to be held at Tullamore next April. For this first gathering, held at the Tullamore Court Hotel, a group from all sectors of the construction and quarrying industry came together to coordinate the activities and build upon the work already done in publicising and attracting exhibitors to the event. So far, well over 80 companies have confirmed their intention to attend with space for only 100 in total. The live demonstration areas for all types of machinery have already been filled at Molloy's quarry, Tinnycross, which lies just a few miles to the east of Tullamore town centre.

Denis Murray of ECI JCB was elected as chairman of the new committee with Alan Fallon of Dungannon Plant Sales taking up the role of vice chairman. At the start of proceedings Denis pointed out that sales of construction machinery had shown a healthy increase in 2014 with many more customers making serious enquiries for next year. This optimism was shared by the group as a whole with the general consensus being that 2015 will be the year that the Irish construction industry finally finds its feet again with confidence returning to all areas of activity. It would appear that there could be no better time to hold Ireland's very own showcase event than at the start of what looks to be a busy season for contractors, operators and of course machinery manufacturers and dealers. It was also noted that with the poor trading conditions of the past few years there have been few new machines sold into an aging national fleet. The ensuing shortage of good used equipment suggests that owners will have little alternative to buying new as they come to replace their stock, CQMS15 will therefore provide an excellent opportunity for serious buyers to talk business with all the leading manufacturers and other suppliers to the industry.

Brian Coogan of Machinery Movers Magazine and Adrian Madden of Close Brothers Commercial Finance, who have both done so much of the groundwork, emphasise that it is not their event, rather, it is a chance for the whole industry to come together and demonstrate their products and capabilities to an audience that has recovered its appetite for all that is best in construction and quarrying equipment. They would urge everyone who would like to be part of the show to step forward and help make it the positive statement of intent that Ireland is waiting for. As Brian points out, the time is absolutely right for everyone concerned to get together and put construction and quarrying on a fresh footing, ready to meet the demands and challenges of a revitalised economy. The next meeting will be held at the Red cow in Dublin on the 15th of December at 10:30 prompt, and all interested parties are urged to attend. Denis, Aln and Brian may be contacted on the numbers below -

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