

Hills Resource Recovery Centre Liaison Committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Compton Bassett Village Hall on Monday 22 January 2007

PRESENT

Wiltshire County Council

Jo Freyther (Planning)

David Rose (Planning)

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Councillor Serena Henly

Councillor Peter Barnett

Councillor Fran Creasey

Councillor Pete Szczesiak

Calne Without Parish Council

Councillor Barry Miller

Cherhill Parish Council & North Wiltshire District Council

Councillor David Evans

CPRE

Anne Henshaw

Compton Bassett No1 Residents Association

Alan Knight

Hills Group

Steve Burns Contracts Manager

Pete Andrew Waste Disposal Manager

Cliff Carter Recycling Promotions Manager

Apologies received

Andrew Liddle (Hills Group), Mrs Ann Kingdon Calne Town Council, Councillor Nancy Bryant WCC, John Henly Hilperton PC, Michael Ransom (FOCAS)

PREVIOUS MINUTES UPDATE

Sustrans Cycle Route

Councillor Evans advised the meeting that he had met with Sustrans and plans have now been drawn up to show proposal of cycle route regarding Low Lane application.

Speed Limit for Lower Compton

Steve Burns had received communication from the residents and will be raising the issue with WCC

Ownership of triangular Land

Pete confirmed that the triangular piece of land discussed at the meeting with the residents of Lower Compton was owned by Hills however the land on the other side of the river was still owned by the MOD. He also advised that a schedule of planting for the above piece of ground will be carried out this autumn following discussion and agreement on the species with the Planning Authority.

Ecological report was made available to all members during December; any further copies can be requested via Cliff Carter.

A copy of the Annual Service Review was handed to the members present, additional copies are available from Cliff Carter for those members not present.

LANDFILL UPDATE

Pete Andrew reported that the engineering work to complete cell 16 was not completed until late September. This was then followed by the placement of an engineered clay cap on areas of the site at final waste level We are currently installing 24 gas extraction wells in these areas which will eventually be connected into the power generation plant. In addition previously completed areas were subject to additional works including filling of settled areas reseeding and tree planting. Unfortunately due to the decline in weather conditions works were not completed. We aim to carry out significant additional restoration works as part of

reprofiling the quarry. This will result in a noticeable improvement to the visual appearance of the site.

Management of the site continues to improve and the introductions of new operational procedures were assisting the site to improve standards.

The recent bad weather was discussed at length with the members and Pete confirmed the emergency procedures were in place to recover the material blown around the area would be ongoing until all litter was recovered.

Resources were made available from the recycling team and landfill staff during the days following the high winds with a team from the Viridor site also. Due to the large amount of litter from their site Viridor had closed their facility. Members stated that there were additional areas of concern including the Upper Lodge; Pete said he would ensure that action is taken following this meeting to clear this litter ASAP. He also confirmed that we have a program for litter clearance with a member of staff regularly out around the local area.

The Leachate plant had been upgraded providing a more efficient process. A planning application for the installation of an out flow balancing tank has been prepared for submission to WCC Planning Authority and will be submitted during week commencing 29th January. Questions were raised regarding the heavy rain fall recently and how the site copes. Pete explained there are a number of controls in place such as surface water ditches, pumping systems and treatment processes to manage increases in groundwater, leachate and surface water as a result of increased rainfall. He also confirmed that the EA strictly monitor the site to ensure that we comply with the relevant legislation.

COMPOSTING UPDATE

Pete reported on the completion of the extended concrete pad adjacent to the compost process. This is to cater for the increased volumes of green waste being handled at the site and the wood processing operation which is being transferred from Chapel Farm. This will commence operation on 5th February 2007.

All green material from the 10 Household Recycling Centre's (11,000 tonnes) and Kerbside collections (13,000 tonnes) was composted and that we were screening compost to 3 different sizes for various sports applications as well as topsoil enhancement and improvement. Any oversized material is being fed back through the system or used on the landfill for cover, so reducing the need for clay. The operation has again been awarded PAS 100 status and we are awaiting accreditation from the Soil

Association.

AGGREGATES AND CONCRETE UPDATE

Pete Andrew reported on behalf of Andrew Liddle, in that there had been little change in the operations since reported last meeting. The Low Lane application was to be determined at committee on 14th March 2007.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Steve Burns reported on the progress regarding waste arising in that we will soon be hitting 500,000 tonnes of non-landfill material, this was supported by figures presented in the Annual Service review and quarterly report to the County Council. Waste arisings trend continues to go down.

Recycling figures achieved across the county at the end of the third quarter hit 80,000 tonnes and is on course for 102,000 tonnes . There are no plans in growth of the kerbside collections in this area, however Salisbury DC will move over to Alternate Waste Collections (AWC) and will collect plastic and cardboard at the kerbside. Kennet DC had already gone over to the AWC scheme (June 06) and this has had an impact on the Devizes Recycling centre with the amount of material going through the site. North Wilts will be looking at moving over to AWC in the near future. Participation in the areas show an increase in tonnages collected, NWDC 16% up on last year WWDC 21% up! This was mainly due to the AWC across the district. Steve explained the levels of participation.

Members raised their concerns regarding packaging and plastics and the need for this to be addressed. Steve explained the existing fleet is unable to collect plastic due to non-compaction, however the company will be commencing a pilot scheme in WWDC collecting cardboard and plastic (Bottles only No's 1,2,3) from the mini-recycling bring sites, this will provide information for the Waste partnership to consider the way forward regarding these two materials. Steve also covered the issue regarding different types of plastic in the industry and how it is processed.

OTHER ISSUES

Cllr Fran Creasey requested information regarding a large orange light that has appeared on the ridge (horizon) which is on all night causing light pollution and waste of energy Pete Andrew would look into the installation which would appear to belong to Viridor.

Speed limit issue to be taken forward with the Director of Environmental Services Wiltshire County Council.

Members again expressed their concerns regarding the MOD and lack of information/communication regarding the wooded area and NAAFI compound.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18th April in the Compton Bassett Village Hall.