



Hills Community Liaison Committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Hills Waste Solutions MRF meeting room 17th July 2008

PRESENT

Wiltshire County Council

Councillor Nancy Bryant
David Rose (Planning)

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Councillor Serena Henly

Calne Town Council & Without Parish Council

Councillor Colin Viner
Councillor Shauna Bodman
Councillor Carol Robinson
Councillor Heather Canfer

Cherhill Parish Council

Councillor David Evans
Councillor David Grafton

CPRE

Anne Henshaw

Hills Group

Steve Burns
Cliff Carter
Andrew Liddle

Apologies received

Michael Ransom

PREVIOUS MINUTES UPDATE 3rd March 2008

Nil to report

Cllr Bryant invited all members present to tour the compost facility in light of the recent odour complaints, this presented an opportunity to view the recent improvements carried out to manage the issues raised.

LANDFILL UPDATE

Steve reported on the current work programme for the installation of 24 gas extraction wells in the landfill area which will eventually be connected into the power generation plant, weather has slowed the progress and it was likely that a start would be made mid September. Hills have transferred some of the waste to ensure start up is not delayed further. We are currently finishing on the upper level of cell 16 and will commence tipping in cell 17 end of August.

Clay from Viridor will be used to cap off cell 16 to improve odour issues. Questions were raised by Cllr Henly and A Henshaw as to the time it will take to complete and be restored for landscaping purposes and if we were using ex tip material from Viridor as it was reported that WCC have given permission for Hills Aggregates to carry out works.

Capping to prevent water pollution was also raised by the committee, Steve confirmed we are treating up to 90,000 gallons a day.

Steve Burns will present a restoration programme at the next meeting

Steve informed the meeting of the recent court action regarding our waste permit at Lower Compton and the fine imposed on a breach of our Leachate levels. This was an historical issue regarding our permit. (The courts imposed a £40,000 plus £8,000 costs)

Hills are committed to improving the management of the site and have introduced new operational procedures that have raised standards.

COMPOSTING UPDATE

The meeting was convened to the Compost operations. Steve confirmed the improved lay out and the reason for some of the odour issues. Alternate Weekly Collections (AWC) from West Wilts has seen issues regarding the amount of green waste coming through the site every other week instead of a weekly through put, this means that the waste has been left in the bins longer and has started to go anerobic prior to tipping at the site. We are considering adding additives to alleviate this problem but would rather continue the 'organic' approach without the need to add anything to the process. Steve pointed out the 'lance' spray system to

control odour and dust. Members of the committee agreed that the operation had improved and look forward to any further controls to keep complaints down.

The company are still in the process of sourcing outlets regarding 'On Farm composting' in the south of the county.

ARREGATES AND CONCRETE UPDATE

Andrew reported that there had been little change in the operations since the last meeting. He confirmed that some ground works would commence this September (Power cable). Footpath and Bridleway (Oct) will be fenced and the hedge would remain during this work. The powerline installation would be buried beneath ground level to minimise environmental impact. It was anticipated that sand extraction would commence during April 2009. Cllr Henly commented on youngsters continuing to use the area as a motorcycle track and hoped that the start of the works would help reduce this ongoing problem.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Steve Burns reported on the progress regarding the waste/recycling contract and handed a copy of the report that is included with our quarterly report to the County Council.

Wiltshire overall performance

2007/2008 Year end figures, show the total municipal waste arisings were 258,000 tonnes (A drop of 1.8% and the second fall in three years). Of this, 108,741 tonnes were diverted from landfill, a recycled / recovered rate of 42.14%, (However the figure accepted by the auditors will be down from 38.08% in 2006/7 to 36.67%, this is due to changes made by the government part way through the year regarding the use of wood chip for landfill cover). This is further covered in the annual report enclosed with the minutes.

Household Recycling Centres

The 10 HRC sites received 75,000 tonnes of material and recycled / recovered 56,442 tonnes, a rate of 75.3%.

Kerbside recycling Scheme

2007/8 the multi-material scheme has collected 39,869 tonnes of material. Further expansion of the scheme into the rural parts of Salisbury District has resulted in 98% of properties in the County receiving a fortnightly collection for 5 materials.

Bring Sites

7,312 tonnes of material has been collected in the year to date. This is an improved figure on last year; however, it is still being affected by the kerbside service. The trial of collecting card and plastics instead of paper, glass and cans in West Wiltshire continues to improve. This service will be considered for expansion as part of the

overview of waste and recycling services with the impending Unitary Authority.

North Wiltshire Overall

72,679 tonnes of municipal waste have been generated in North Wiltshire.

Of the 72,679 tonnes, 27,644 tonnes were recycled / recovered, a rate of 38%.

In terms of the District Council's collection activities, 37,382 tonnes of household waste were collected; of which 1,890 was green waste material collections.

The County Council are still pursuing a new Household Recycling Centre for Marlborough which if successful would help reduce the volume of materials coming through Honeyball HRC.

OTHER ISSUES

Michael Ransom tabled questions which Cliff will reply to with a copy to the committee.

David Rose commented on the 'Hours of operations' for Lower Compton and that it was again going through public consultation.

Jo Freyther had left Planning and David will be the main contact for operations at Lower Compton.

Cliff apologised for not sending information to Cllr Bodman for Cherhill PC newsletter. This was provided the following day along with the Hotline number 07789690735.

NEXT MEETING

To include;

Low Lane application

Compost

Cell 16

Capping of wells

The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 6th November in the Upper level meeting room MRF Lower Compton site.