



Amesbury RMF Liaison committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Amesbury RMF on 15 March 2017

PRESENT

Amesbury Town Council

Robert Yuill (RY)

Wiltshire Council

Vicki Harris (VH)

Cllr Fred Westmoreland – Amesbury West (FW)

Cllr John Smale – Bulford, Allington & Figeldean (JS)

Environment Agency

No attendee

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Henry Newbery (HN)

Danny Everson (DE)

The Hills Group Limited

Alex Henderson (AH)

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
Monique Hayes (MH) and Kate Rowen (KR). VH explained that she would be attending in the place of Martin Litherland as representative of the Council waste team.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting	
The minutes of the meeting were accepted as correct.	
3. Site / Operation update	
<p>HN reported that in KR absence, there have been no regulatory breaches or public complaints regarding either the household recycling centre or recyclables management facility made to the Environment Agency since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Amesbury household recycling centre</u> HN stated that annual tonnage processed at the site was approximately 5,600 tonnes with a current diversion rate of 75%. HN commented that the van and trailer permit scheme was now being enforced at all HRC sites in the county to eliminate the use of sites by businesses and traders and would reduce site tonnages. VH stated that permit scheme was having the desired effect, improving site traffic management and delivering operational savings.</p> <p>JS asked if the permit scheme was resulting in a corresponding increase in fly tipping. VH stated that the council was taking enforcement action were it could against individuals and businesses that fly tipped. VH offered to circulate data showing levels of fly tipping since the introduction of the permit scheme.</p> <p>AH confirmed that Hills supported the waste industry initiative 'right waste right place' campaign to educate and support businesses and traders to correctly dispose of their waste.</p> <p>JS asked if a specific area of the site at Amesbury could be allocated to allow</p>	VH

<p>vehicles with trailers to park and offload and reduce congestion. HN explained that the site footprint was quite small but would review the site traffic management plan.</p> <p>HN confirmed that whilst there would be no change to the days of the week the site was open, from April all of the County's HRC sites, including Amesbury, would be opening one hour earlier from 9am and that in addition Salisbury HRC would be opening for an additional day each week. HN stated that these two service improvements would hopefully reduce site congestion and waiting times experienced by residents using the site.</p> <p>RW, JS and FW all praised the work and attitude of the employees at the HRC. HN welcomed the compliments and confirmed that he would pass these on.</p> <p><u>Amesbury recyclables management facility</u> DE confirmed that the RMF was on target for the year to transfer up to 33,000 tonnes of waste to the Lakeside Energy from Waste facility in Slough.</p> <p>DE gave details of the two odour management systems, a carbon filter and atomiser, operated at the site and explained the odour management plan checks undertaken daily in and around the site by employees. DE stated that in the financial year to date the site had received no odour complaints.</p> <p>HN reminded attendees that any odours complaints should be reported as soon as possible to the site office or by phoning DE direct on 07469 859897</p>	<p>HN</p>
<p>4. Planning applications</p>	
<p>HN advised that there were no planning applications to discuss and that the item would be removed from the agenda unless the company were proposing a new development or variation to an existing planning permission.</p>	
<p>5. Any other business</p>	
<p>JS asked for confirmation on the current plastic kerbside collection service. HN explained that the basic rule was if it was a bottle then it could be recycled in the blue lidded bins. All other plastics items such as food pots, tubs or trays could be recycled as rigid plastic at HRC sites. VH explained that under the future co-mingled collection service this would change and plastic packaging will be collected at the kerbside. VH gave details of the new service and its introduction.</p> <p>HN and VH gave details of the milestone achievement of 2 million tonnes of Wiltshire household waste diverted from landfill. It was noted that 10,000 reusable shopping bags had been distributed to residents visiting HRC sites to mark the occasion and promoted within the regional press.</p> <p>RW, JS and FW thanked Hills for their sponsorship of the Amesbury Carnival 2017.</p> <p>AH reminded the meeting of the Landfill Communities Fund operated by Community First on behalf of Hills, providing access to funding for qualifying community projects. Hills to circulate details of the funds to the committee.</p>	<p>HILLS</p>
<p>6. Date of next meeting</p>	
<p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 October at 18.00 at the Amesbury RMF.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

