



Amesbury RMF Liaison committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Amesbury RMF on 19 October 2016

PRESENT

Amesbury Town Council

Robert Yuill (RY)

Wiltshire Council

Martin Litherland (ML)

Cllr Fred Westmoreland – Amesbury West (FW)

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

Environment Agency

Kate Rowen (KR)

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd

Henry Newbery (HN)

Danny Everson (DE)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
1. Welcome	
MH welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. MH explained that the purpose of this committee is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a regular forum for the operators of Amesbury RMF (Hills) to enter into dialogue with elected representatives of the local residents and the neighbouring business community• Provide updates on Amesbury RMF operations and performance• Provide details on proposed changes to the operations in relation to the Amesbury RMF	
2. Apologies	
Cllr Jamie Capp	
3. Election of chairperson	
Councillor Robert Yuill was proposed and accepted as the chairperson for the committee.	
4. Site / Operation update	
<u>Amesbury household recycling centre</u> HN gave an update on the HRC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site is closed each Tuesday and Wednesday• April 2015 to March 2016: tonnage received was 5,582 tonnes with a diversion rate of 74.41%	

- April 2016 to date : tonnage received is just over 3,700 tonnes with a diversion rate of 77.4%
- A trial was being conducted from 1 June 2016 to 31 October, allowing the site to open at 9.00am to test if this will alleviate queues and Wiltshire Council will review the data collected
- No commercial waste can be accepted at the household recycling centre

RY enquired if any data was available on which days were more popular and HN confirmed that such data had been used to establish which days of the week the site would be closed. HN advised that Thursdays were busier, and opening the site one hour earlier had helped to alleviate queueing.

JS complimented the HRC staff on the site and the work they do.

JS reported an increase in fly tipping occurrences in the area and ML responded that this was not necessarily due to the change to HRC hours.

HN reported that the recently introduced van permitting system had seen a decrease in the number of van / trailer visitors to the HRC. Site data would be analysed to see if this had resulted in a drop in the tonnage to the site.

HN advised that enforcement of the van permitting system would begin at the end of December 2016, but in the meantime site staff were giving site users information on how they can apply for permits.

ML complimented HRC site staff on their vigilance in collecting information from van / trailer users and records show that a good percentage of these are being converted to permit applications.

FW enquired if anything is being done to encourage the reuse of articles that are still in good condition and HN gave details of the Repair Academy, a social enterprise that collects suitable items from the Wiltshire HRCs that can be repaired or refurbished by trainees / NEETS.

Amesbury recyclables management facility

HN gave an update on the RMF:

- Site was acquired in 2012, planning permission was obtained thereafter and site opened in 2013.
- Site is destination for waste and recycling from the south of the county with 8 vehicles based there.
- Site deals with around 45,000 tonnes per year of which the majority is municipal black bag waste that is transferred under a 25 year contract to an energy from waste facility in Slough. Remainder is made up of plastic and cardboard, sent to Calne for sorting, and other kerbside collected recyclate which is sent to reprocessors. HN explained where these various reprocessors are located. MH to provide map.

KR advised that the Environment Agency is the regulatory body for the site and undertakes regular inspections. Complaints regarding the site can be made to a confidential telephone number (listed on the site notice board together with the relevant permit number) for the Environment Agency to investigate.

KR confirmed that odours issues that occurred when the site first opened had now been resolved through the use of fast-closing doors, deodorisers on site and the installation of a carbon filter system. KR confirmed the site is classed as low risk.

JS asked for clarification on the types of plastic that can be recycled and HN advised that all plastic bottles can go in the blue-lidded bin for kerbside collection. All other plastic, including rigid, can be recycled at the household recycling centre.



5. Planning applications	
HN advised that there were no planning applications to discuss.	
6. Any other business	
FW and JS thanked Hills for extending the invitation to be part of the committee and the opportunity to discuss matters in an open forum.	
7. Date of next meeting	
It was agreed that meetings would be held once every six months, with the option to hold additional meetings if required. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 18.00 at the Amesbury RMF. Following the meeting the committee were taken on a tour of the facility.	ALL