



Lower Compton Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Liaison Committee meeting held at the MRF on 9 May 2018 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Compton Bassett Parish Council

Peter Szczesiak
Peter Barnett

Calne Without Parish Council

Charlie Oram

Cherhill Parish Council

David Grafton
David Evans

Wiltshire Council and Calne Town Council

Cllr Tom Rounds

Lower Compton No. 1 Residents Committee

No representatives

Environment Agency (EA)

No representatives

Hills Waste Solutions

Steve Burns (SB)

Hills Group

Alex Henderson (AH)

	Action
1. Apologies	
Apologies were received from Cllr Christine Crisp, Monique Hayes, David Meakin and Robert McNaughton.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 September 2017	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as correct.	
3. Update on planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SB gave a summary of the five planning applications, including the provision of an internal link road, submitted by the company providing an alternative option to the original proposed Lower Compton MRF building extension subject to S288 review.SB confirmed that the five applications had been submitted in November 2017 and the company had responded to all outstanding enquiries from the planning officer. SB stated that he was hopeful the applications would be heard at the May strategic planning committee meeting. <p>SB stated that despite the provision of the internal link road creating an east and west entry point to the company's site operations and removing the need for vehicles to the site to travel along the A4 through Calne Town, the main public objection to the applications were based on highways and vehicle movements. The matter was discussed.</p>	

<p>SB advised that actual vehicle movements to the site associated from Wiltshire Council waste collections would be lower than anticipated as a result of the proposals being drawn up to include volumes to treat waste from nine HRC sites and individual collection vehicles from the West tipping at the site. SB stated that subsequently, the contract for the operation of 9 Council owned HRCs had been awarded to a different contractor and plans had been submitted for a transfer station at Westbury and that in both instances this would greatly reduce the vehicles that would travel to the site.</p>	
<p>4. Landfill operations and restoration works update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that since the last meeting cell 24 had been completed and tipping started in cell 25, with construction of cell 26 due to commence shortly. SB confirmed that cell phasing had changed from that advised at the last meeting to accommodate the proposed construction of the link road. • SB confirmed that inert tipping continued at lagoon 6 and that as a result road sweeping was being undertaken a minimum of 5 days a week. • SB gave details of two small surface fires on the landfill face that had occurred on 5th and 19th April. SB stated that both incidents were being investigated and the ignition sources were believed to be incorrect material such a lithium batteries in the waste stream. SB praised the actions of the site staff who on both occasions had acted promptly and followed emergency procedures and assisted by the fire brigade had minimised the impact of the incidents. • SB stated that there had been two odour complaints since the start of the year in February, but that site weather data had confirmed that these were not attributable to site operations due to wind direction. • SB advised that there had been a small number of complaints about vehicles queuing or parking on the site approach road. SB stated that on one occasion that this had been unavoidable due to an accident on site. SB outlined the 3 strikes and out rule for drivers reported as repeat offenders of site or highway rules. • SB reminded the meeting of the company complaint line for residents to report legitimate concerns. • SB confirmed that following planning approval earlier in the year that conversion of the Old Farm house into landfill offices was now complete. 	
<p>5. Compost and woodchipping update</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that minimal compost and woodchipping operations now took place at the site and there were no issues to report. 	
<p>6. Recycling operations update (including Porte Marsh)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB stated that reporting on volumes and recycling rates for the whole county was no longer possible since operation of 9 household recycling sites had been awarded to a new contractor. However, at Honeyball and Purton HRCs retained by Hills, SB reported that whilst volumes were down due to reduced HRC opening hours, recycle rates remained consistent. SB stated that the reduced HRC opening hours had seen a comparable rise in kerbside collection volumes. • SB stated that volumes to Lakeside energy from waste plant had increased compared to the same period last year and approximately 16,000 tonnes had been landfilled. • SB reported that tonnages and recycling rates at Porte Marsh for cardboard and plastic remained consistent. 	

6. Aggregate and concrete operations update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB advised that extraction of aggregate material had commenced in the Old Camp Farm site area and that aggregate and concrete operations were both running at normal outputs. 	
8. Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr D Evans enquired about changes to the kerbside collection rounds for village halls. SB advised that the Council had ceased the provision of this as a free service and that it was now a chargeable commercial collection. • AH confirmed that demolition of the Naafi building had now been completed and outlined work with RAF Yatesbury Association to reinstate the commemorative RAF plaque at the site entrance and creation of a site history board in the telephone box (due to be refurbished along with the site gates). • D Grafton enquired whether proposed changes to kerbside recycling would be delayed or impacted by the planning situation at Lower Compton. Cllr Rounds stated that existing waste streams and extended plastic and tetrapak collections would commence as planned with effect from 30 July. Cllr Rounds stated that the best way to keep up to date on changes to collection dates and services was to register with the Council online, but confirmed that information would also be posted to all residents not registered online ahead of the new collection start date. SB stated that if the change of use of the Sands Farm Building to a materials recycling facility was approved in May then this could potentially mean it would be operational by February, until then recycling would be processed at existing Hills sites. • There being no further business the meeting closed. 	
8. Date of next meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the known outcome of the five planning applications, the date to of next meeting is to be confirmed. 	HILLS