



Minutes of the Purton liaison committee meeting held on Microsoft Teams on 16 December 2021 at 16.00.

PRESENT

Wiltshire Council

Jacqui Lay (JL)
 Amy Williams, Waste Officer (AW)
 Cllr Bob Jones (BJ) & Cricklade Town Council

Hills Waste Solutions Limited

Simon Allen (SA)
 David Byatt (DB)

The Hills Group Limited

Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
Apologies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr M Knowles 	
Minutes of previous meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated were approved SA confirmed that the site visit by councillors had taken place and was well received 	
Parkgate Farm landfill operations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DB reported that Cell 6 is now operational, and 15,087 tonnes of material had been received since June SA confirmed that clay material is being taken from the site to the works at Junction 15 and this is expected to continue through to at least March next year, although it is on hold over Christmas and will restart in January. DB advised that vehicles travel out through Cricklade apart from during the recent period of roadworks when the vehicles had to pass through Purton. JL commented that all the vehicles appeared to be driving carefully and within the speed limit. SA advised that this will be relayed to the transport manager. BJ raised the issue of a Hills vehicle going through Latton, SA requested that details be sent to MH. JL asked that the entrance / exit to Mopes Lane is monitored in case any clay material is dropped from vehicles. SA responded that the vehicles are all sheeted and being loaded properly to reduce this happening. DB advised there is a road sweeper on site each week and daily inspections are carried out and asked members to contact him if there is any issue. 	
Composting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DB reported that 22,641 tonnes of material had been received and 10,723 tonnes was exported from the site. DB stated that no complaints regarding odours had been received from the site and that operations were going well. BJ enquired about the volume of material from Cotswold District Council. SA advised this was approximately 10,000 tonnes per annum equating to 5-6 vehicles per day (10-12 movements). BJ stated that Cricklade had objected to the route the vehicles were taking but had not been successful in getting it changed. SA stated that whilst garden waste volumes were highly seasonal, this did not change the number of vehicles, they are just lighter in winter. SA advised 	

<p>that CDC is not suspending garden waste collection over the festive period and they will also bring in Christmas trees in the new year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL suggested that perhaps the collection service being offered by various charities would lighten the load. • SA advised that this was not necessarily the case as the material had to go somewhere once collected • AW confirmed there were numerous charitable initiatives across Wiltshire for discarded Christmas trees and some go to local farms, but was not sure of all the destinations. 	
Planning applications	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Farm on Purton landfill – SA advised that planning application had been submitted and consultation closes on 16 December. If planning permission is granted the project would begin installation in early summer. • BJ enquired about community benefit and if Hills would be making grants. SA confirmed that the solar farm was not a Hills project, but it was on Hills land and that interested parties should contact Spring Che, the project developer. • SA advised that the planning permissions for both landfill sites expire in 2024 and it is the company's intention to submit planning applications to extend the date to 2042. SA stated that this was as a result of a drop in hazardous waste volumes into the site. • JL enquired if Hills was aware of the planning application for 61 houses at Widham Farm which backed onto the landfill area and if Hills had commented on the application. 	
Recycling update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA stated that the online booking system had ceased on 19 July • BJ stated that the system had worked very well • Members commented how well the HRC is operated and the staff are always friendly and helpful • BJ raised the proposal from Wiltshire Council to charge for disposal of plasterboard and rubble at HRCs. AW stated that this was put forward in 2017 and would send BJ the details in order that he could raise it at the Environmental Select committee meeting for a formal response. • BJ stated that there is a risk that people will dump materials instead of paying to dispose of them at HRC. • Discussion took place regarding materials taken in black bags to HRCs which could be recycled. SA stated that Wiltshire Council is participating with WRAP on investigating composition of black bag waste at HRCs • AW explained that some recycling initiatives being offered are paid for by the product producers and these are usually for what is classed as difficult to recycle materials and can be expensive to run. • SA stated that the new Environmental Bill would cover most of these issues and items that can be recycled, but it does depend on different contracts that Councils have in place and probably won't be straight forward. • SA advised that Wiltshire Council, FCC and Hills will be undertaking a customer satisfaction survey at HRCs in the new year, but this could be impacted by COVID restrictions at the time as it is conducted face-to-face.(subsequently it has been agreed to postpone the survey due to Covid) 	
Any other business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BJ enquired about sale of compost as it was initially in bags, then moved to people having to bring their own bags and now there was none being sold at HRCs. SA advised that the sale of compost in bags at HRCs had been suspended due to COVID however the product could still be purchased direct from Hills in bulk bags for delivery. • BJ enquired if Hills would consider the usual donation of compost to Cricklade Bloomers, MH confirmed this would be done. • JL followed up on a complaint regarding a Hills lorry reported travelling through Purton. SA confirmed that the transport manager had spoken to the driver. 	

Next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 16.00.	