Amesbury RMF Liaison committee

Minutes of a Liaison Committee meeting held at the Amesbury RMF on 25 October 2017

PRESENT

Amesbury Town Council
Robert Yuill (RY)

Wiltshire Council
Vicki Harris (VH)
Cllr John Smale – Bulford, Allington & Figeldean (JS)

Environment Agency
No attendee

Hills Waste Solutions Ltd
Henry Newbery (HN)
John Chapman (JC)

The Hills Group Limited
Monique Hayes (MH)

	ACTION
1. Apologies	
Cllr Fred Westmoreland	
2. Minutes of the last meeting	
The minutes of the meeting required one correction – point 5, change rigid plastic to read plastic packaging VH explained that monthly briefing notes are prepared for Cllr Wayman and Cllr Rounds which includes data on fly tipping and undertook to circulate Wiltshire Council committee members separately. VH confirmed that fly tipped waste is dealt with by Wiltshire Council Street Scheme team and not Hills, therefore it is not a discussion item for this meeting. MH gave details on how the Landfill Communities Fund is administered by Community First on behalf of Hills and will provide relevant contact details to committee members separate to these minutes.	
3. Site / Operation update	
Amesbury household recycling centre HN advised that whilst Hills had been announced as preferred bidder for all 5 lots under the new Wiltshire Council waste treatment contract that a legal challenge of the procurement process had resulted in FCC being awarded the contract for Lot 2 to operate the 9 household recycling centres owned by the council. HN advised that the service transferred to FCC with effect from 2 October and that a rolling programme of site refurbishment would be undertaken and result in the temporary closure of all 9 sites to be staggered over the next few months. HN confirmed Hills remained operators of the two sites on Hills owned land at Honeyball and Purton and that neither site would be closing for refurbishment.	

Amesbury RMF HN introduced John Chapman as the new site manager. Contact: john.chapman@hills-group.co.uk / 07824708259 HN confirmed that the transfer station continues to receive black bag household waste for transfer to the Lakeside EfW facility at Colnbrook and tonnages are on target for this contract. HN advised that plastic and cardboard collected from households in the blue lidded bins is processed at Porte Marsh in Calne whilst glass and paper is sent direct to reprocessors. VH advised that changes to the kerbside collection service will be introduced in August 2018 and this new regime will see all recyclable materials placed into the blue lidded bin apart from glass which will go into the black kerbside boxes. VH reported that the new recycling service should see a reduction in the amount of recyclable material which is being placed in the rubbish bins and suggested that more regular communications with residents will also assist in ensuring the changes are understood. HN explained that glass no longer needed to be separated into different colours as new technology allowed reprocessors to undertake this . Complaints HN advised that 3 odour complaints had been received since the last meeting. One complaint was only made a couple of days after the alleged incident which made it very difficult to investigate. HN reminded committee members to make contact with the site / John Chapman immediately with any complaint as these are taken seriously and always investigated – contact number : 01980-733010 The other two complaints were justified as a general power failure caused the odour control system to fail. A monitoring alarm has now been installed to alert site management to any failure of the odour control system.	
4. Any other business	
There was no other business.	
5. Date of next meeting	
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at a new time of 16.00 at the Amesbury RMF.	ALL