

FFOS-Y-FRAN LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 019
Thursday 30th July 2009
Held at Cwmbargoed Disposal Point

ATTENDEES:

Appointed Councillor Members	Office	Ward	Present
Cllr Julian Amos	Chair	Dowlais	YES
Cllr Tony Rogers		Dowlais	-
Cllr Amy Kitcher	Deputy Chair	Town	YES
Cllr Robert Griffin		Town	-
Cllr Brent Carter		Plymouth	-
Cllr Derek Games		Plymouth	YES
Cllr Leighton Smart		Bedlinog	-
Substitute Councillor Members			
Cllr Ray Thomas		Dowlais	-
Cllr Phil Williams		Dowlais	-
Cllr Gareth Lewis		Town	-
Cllr David Jones		Town	-
Cllr Kevin O'Connor		Plymouth	-
Cllr Gareth Jones		Bedlinog	-
Caerphilly CBC			
Cllr David Hardacre		Caerphilly	YES
MTCBC Officers			
Mr Norman Davies	Head of Planning		-
Ms Zoe Pieris	Principle Environmental Health Officer		-
Mr Dave Dier	Head of Public Health		YES
Environment Agency			
Ms Laura Owen			YES
Mr Dave Griffiths			-
Mr John Harrison			-
Resident Members			
Mrs Alyson Austin		Bradley Gardens	YES
Mrs Mary Bradley		Fochriw	YES
Mr Ron Yandle		Mount View	YES
Mr Bill White		Dowlais	-
Mr Tony Chaplin		Cyfarthfa	YES
Mr Phillip Murphy		Caerharris	-
Mr Alan Rees		Caedraw	YES

Miller Argent			
James T Poyner	Director		YES
Stephen Tillman	Director		YES
Brian Rostron	Project Controller		YES
Gwilym Llewellyn	Deputy DP Manager		-
Robert Jones	Operations Manager		YES
Bob Edwards	DP Manager		-
Kylie Jones	Environmental Liaison Officer		YES
Elizabeth Verrinder	Archaeologist		YES
Lisa Llewellyn-Williams	Secretary		YES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>Action</u>
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1.0 Apologies

Apologies were given from Mr Phil Murphy, Mr Bill White, Mr Norman Davies, Mr Bob Edwards, Cllr Gareth Jones, Cllr Brent Carter, Cllr Bob Griffin and Cllr Tony Rogers.

2.0 Declaration of Interest

There was no declaration of any personal interests.

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting

Mrs Mary Bradley (MB) proposed that the notes of the last meeting be passed as a true record of accuracy. It was unanimously agreed that the notes were a true record.

4.0 Matters Arising

Matters from the previous minutes that were discussed included the following topics:

- Leaflet distributed by AA
- Community Benefit Fund
- Comments made previously by AA
- RAFF website
- Replacement of Mrs Flowers

Reports

a. **Miller Argent Site Progress Report**

RJ read out the site progress report to the committee and its contents were discussed.

b. **Miller Argent Environmental Report**

Kylie Jones (KJ) passed around copies of a photo of the new Fog Cannon and discussed its uses.

KJ gave an environmental update and reported that on 29th June there was a water pollution incident near the Kinsey Farm resulting in a discolouration in the Bargoed Taf. This was discussed by the Committee.

c. **Environment Agency**

Laura Owen (LO) read out her report. LO stated she had attended meetings on site regarding the incident of 29th June and confirmed that the Environment Agency will be issuing a site warning. Cllr David Hardacre asked if there was any damage to the wildlife. LO advised that there was not.

d. **Environmental Health Dept. MTCBC**

David Dier (DD) stated that the Council had received very few complaints, no complaints received since the end of June. Julian Amos asked if they are double counting with Miller Argent. Kylie Jones confirmed that all MTCBC's complaints were also logged on her records.

6.0 **Residents Reports & Concerns**

Alyson Austin reported that she had received complaints during the period of the last week of June to the first week of July.

Alan Rees (AR) asked about the wind sock at the top of the mound.

7.0 Comments of Elected Members

a. Bedlinog Ward

No one available to comment

b. Darren Valley

David Hardacre informed the meeting that Dr Williamson's report had ruled out the issue that dust in the area of Fochriw School was causing asthma amongst the school children. There had been a full investigation and it was confirmed that it was not a cause of concern. Mary Bradley (MB) stated that asthma is most likely triggered by common house mites and animal hair.

c. Dowlais Ward

Julian Amos had nothing to report

d. Plymouth Ward

Derek Games had nothing to report.

e. Town Ward

Amy Kitcher stated on the whole it had been a quiet month

8.0 Correspondence

Julian Amos (JA) informed the committee that Mrs Jane Flowers had resigned and that he will drop her a line.

JTP stated that he will write to Mrs Jane Flowers to thank her for her time as a Community Liaison Member on behalf of the committee.

JTP informed the meeting that Miller Argent had received written notice of yet further litigation today. This is a threatened action for nuisance and is allegedly made on behalf of 20 local residents.

JTP informed the meeting that between 1st January 2008 and 30th July 2008, Miller Argent had received some complaints.

Tony Chaplin (TC) asked if the meeting notes go to the library. Lisa Llewellyn-Williams replied the notes go out but not the reports.

Julian Amos stated that he doesn't think the committee need

updates on litigations.

Derek Games replied as a committee we do express concerns with noise/dust but there have been massive improvements made by Miller Argent and we should be expressing thanks to Miller Argent for its responsible approach to these issues and all the efforts Miller Argent as a company is making.

David Dier (DD) stated the company are doing a great deal more than British Standards require and in fact are "pushing the science" in respect to noise and dust suppression. The company are going beyond what can be reasonably expected of them. He stated that investigations by Environmental Health Department reveal that Miller Argent is not being a public nuisance.

Julian Amos asked if it was the wish of the Committee that he writes to Miller Argent complimenting them in all that they had achieved and for the professional manner in which they address complaints received. The majority of the Committee were in agreement that JA writes the letter.

Cllr David Hardacre said if Miller Argent are doing things right it should be published in the newspaper as a good news story - people are only too quick to criticise and we should address the balance.

9.0 Any Other Business

JTP stated he had 2 issues, firstly the impending Climate Camp Cymru which, according to announcements on the website, the event will happen in Merthyr Tydfil between 13th and 16th August.

JTP second issue was regarding the Miller Argent Community Minibuses. That although they were well used the use of them particularly with regard to the fuel was being taken advantage by a small number.

10.00 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 1st October 2009, 6.30pm at the Civic Centre

Mr James T Poyner, Mr Robert Jones, Miss Elizabeth Verrinder gave their apologies in advance.

There are no appendices

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