

FFOS-Y-FRAN LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 020
1st October 2009

Civic Centre, Merthyr Tydfil

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		YES
Ms Zoe Pieris	Principle Environmental Health Officer		-
Mr Dave Dier	Head of Public Health		YES
Environment Agency			
Ms Laura Owen			YES
Mr Dave Griffiths			YES
Mr John Harrison			-
Resident Members			
Mrs Alyson Austin		Bradley Gardens	YES
Mrs Mary Bradley		Fochriw	-
Mr Ron Yandle		Mount View	YES
Mr Bill White		Dowlais	-

Mr Phillip Murphy		Caerharris	-
Mr Alan Rees		Caedraw	YES
Mr Tony Chaplin		Cyfarthfa	YES
Miller Argent			
James T Poyner	Joint MD		-
Stephen Tillman	Joint MD		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		-
Lisa Llewellyn-Williams	Secretary		YES

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1.00 Apologies

Apologies were given from James Poyner, Elizabeth Verrinder, Bob Edwards, Phillip Murphy, Mary Bradley, Cllr Tony Rogers, Cllr Leighton Smart, Bill White and Cllr Gareth Jones

2.00 Declaration of Interest

Stephen Tillman (ST) informed the committee that due to pending legal action and following legal advice received, MA is restricting information they are prepared to discuss at the liaison meetings.

3.00 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Points were raised by Roy Yandle (RY), Alyson Austin (AA), Julian Amos (JA) and Tony Chaplin (TC) it was agreed the minutes would be amended and issued. LLW

4.00 Matters Arising

The following matters were discussed:-

- Replacement of Mrs Jane Flower following her resignation.
- Robert Jones apologised for the delay in site reports.

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5.00 Reports

a. **Miller Argent Site Progress Report**

Robert Jones (RJ) read out the site progress report to the committee and its contents were discussed.

Alan Rees (AR) asked about the sediment lagoons had been drained – confirming there was safe disposal of the material.

Stephen Tillman (ST) informed the committee on the fatality which occurred on 29th September on the railway line near Nelson.

b. **Miller Argent Environmental Report**

Kylie Jones (KJ) gave an environmental update.

Ron Yandle (RY) asked about dust levels during September.

Norman Davies (ND) recommended a site plan for future meetings as a reference.

c. **Environment Agency Update**

Laura Owen (LO) updated the committee on her report. No complaints apart from one relating to the Taff Bargoed River, stating the river was running dry. This was investigated and had no relation to Miller Argent's operations.

d. **Environmental Health Dept. MTCBC**

Dave Dier (DD) read his public health update to the committee and its contents were debated by the committee.

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DD had received a number of complaints.

RY requested clarification on what constitutes as a statutory nuisance?

6.00 **Residents Reports & Concerns**

Alyson Austin (AA) passed around photographs of dust on her property's windowsills

AA asked if Miller Argent would supply her with noise and dust data and why can't it be presented at the meeting? ST informed the committee that because of the legal situation such information would not be provided, and Miller Argent are not required to do so.

Stephen Tillman (ST) confirmed that complaints would be dealt with in exactly the same way and there will be no change there. All complaints were still logged and actions taken where appropriate. AA also stated that where Robert Harris lived there was stripping of soil after 7pm. RJ confirmed that this was not the case.

Comment: Should we take RH name out of here seeing as he was not at the meeting?

AA stated she was seeking the noise and dust data for a number of people and organisations.

7.00 **Elected Members Report**

a. **Town Ward**

Amy Kitcher (AK) stated that some resident's comments were that had a visual sitting of dust coming from the site but it was not an official complaint.

b. **Plymouth Ward**

Nothing to report

c. **Dowlais Ward**

Nothing to report

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d.	<u>Bedlinog Ward</u> Nothing to report	
e.	<u>Darren Valley Ward</u> Cllr Dai Hardacre (DH) stated that he had received a complaint regarding the closure of the Boogie Road, by Police. The Police presence was debated by the committee.	
8.00	<u>Correspondence Received</u>	
8.01	Julian Amos read the letter that he wrote supporting Miller Argent and said he would email and post copies.	
8.02	Stephen Tillman read out part of a letter from Mr Chris Austin to UKSIF about the BT Pension Schemes involvement in FRLS, and also referred to a Youtube video featuring Mr and Mrs Austin. AA was asked to provide clarification on the accusations made in relation to these.	AA
8.03	Amy Kitcher asked about the Community Fund.	
9.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
9.01	Stephen Tillman informed that on 23 rd September two protestors had suspended themselves from the Bogey road bridge on site, the police arrested them and both pleaded guilty. ST confirmed they were not from the Merthyr area.	
9.02	Alan Rees (AR) asked about the 2 new houses being built at Mountain Hare. The construction activity at Incline side was also discussed	
10.00	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	
	Thursday 26 th November 2009 at 6.30pm held at the Civic Centre.	
	Cllr David Hardacre sends his apologies.	

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