

**HILL AND MOOR COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP**  
**Monday 14 March 2016, 18:00**  
**Hill & Moor, Landfill Site Office**

**Present:**

Worcestershire County Council

Cllr Liz Tucker (Chair)  
Vincent Connor  
Andrew Davies

Severn Waste Services

Michael Hornby  
Ana Gonzalez

Bishampton and Throckmorton Parish Council

Cllr Charles Tucker  
Malcolm Argyle

Hill and Moor Parish Council

Tony Betteridge

Pinvin Parish Council

Alan Wilson  
Ken Rowe

Item	Action
<b>1.0 Apologies for absence</b>	
1.1	Apologies were received from Richard Woodward (Worcestershire County Council), Fernando Capelastegui (Severn Waste Services), Nick Green and Sarah Dennis (Environment Agency).
<b>2.0 Minutes from the previous meeting, 9 November 2015</b>	
2.1	The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting held.
<b>3.0 Matters arising</b>	
3.1	There were no matters arising raised by Members of the CLG.
<b>4.0 Severn Waste Services Report</b>	
4.1	A copy of the Severn Waste Services (SWS) Operational Report November – February 2016 was distributed to the group.
4.2	Ana Gonzalez presented the SWS report, advising the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Landfilling continued in cell 5.2 throughout the reporting period</li><li>- It is envisaged that cell 5.2 will be completed around summer 2016 from where landfilling will move to the adjacent cell 5.3. Then cell 5.2 will be temporarily capped before being fully restored in 2017.</li><li>- Gas extraction infrastructure was installed across cell 5.1 in January 2016.</li><li>- The construction of cell 5.3 was completed in November 2015 and</li></ul>

has received Environment Agency approval.

- Capping and restoration of cell 5.1 will commence around July 2016.

4.3 Cllr L Ticker raised concern over the visibility of waste being landfilled in cell 5.2. Michael Hornby advised that this issue has now been rectified.

4.4 Michael Hornby explained to Cllr Charles Tucker that engineering of cell 5.3 resulted in a 3 metre high bund at the boundary of the cell.

There have been three Schedule 6 notifications during November – February 2016:

4.5

- 05 November 2015 – Electric export cable fault. Generator was on site to allow the flares to run. The fault was fixed on 13 November 2015 and the engines back to run as usual.

4.6

- 18 November 2015 – Breach of CO<sub>2</sub> limit in BH107 (monitoring borehole along the northern ditch) and BH35. Levels of 3.4% and 3.3% were detected against the limit of 3.0% and 2.7% respectively. As no methane was present it is unlikely to be due to landfill gas migration. The levels have now returned to below the limits.

4.7

- 17 January 2016 – Breach of suspended solid in leachate discharge consent. A level of 51mg/l was detected against the limit of 50mg/l. A re-sample was done and sent to the laboratory and the result was 82mg/l therefore the discharge was ceased. After cleaning the settlement lagoon, another sample was sent to the laboratory and the suspended solids have returned to below the limit.

The retested level decreased to 18mg/l.

4.8 Michael Hornby advised that the breach on 18 November 2015 was a recurrent issue likely to be due to soil and root respiration and presents no risk or environmental impact.

4.9 Michael Hornby explained to Ken Rowe that the gas contractor would be called in the unlikely event of the CO<sub>2</sub> levels rising significantly, in order to investigate further / engineer additional boreholes.

4.10 Cllr Charles Tucker and Vincent Connor requested further information regarding that the breach on 17 January 2016 and the maintenance regime.

Michael Hornby advised that the control method is sampling of the discharge which is conducted on a monthly basis. Maintenance is conducted out of necessity rather than routine, as any work undertaken disturbs the process / a period of settlement is required afterwards.

The gravel/reed filtration bed will possibly be dug out and replaced this year after being operational for five years.

4.11 Michael Hornby presented and distributed paper copies of the Hill & Moor Tonnage Input Data to the group.

- 4.12 Cllr L Tucker queried the reduction in recycling rates at Hill & Moor Household Recycling Centre.

Michael Hornby explained that increases in residual waste input are predominately responsible for the recycling rate reductions.

- 4.13 Vincent Connor advised that the group that up to 6,000 tonnes of Street Sweeping collected by District Councils per annum are being diverted away from landfill at Hill & Moor and recycling at a facility in Wolverhampton.

- 4.14 Ken Rowe queried the increase in Fly Tips recorded for January and February 2016.

This may be due to District Councils intensifying / cleansing known fly tip hotspots.

## **5.0 Environment Agency Report**

- 5.1 Sarah Dennis was unable to attend the CLG, but advised via e-mail prior to the meeting that there are no compliance issues to be raised at the meeting and the Environment Agency has not received any complaints in 2016.

- 5.2 Sarah Dennis currently regulates Hill & Moor landfill site, replacing her colleague Nick Green.

## **6.0 AOB**

- 6.1 Michael Hornby advised Cllr Charles Tucker that flies are treated / sprayed in March and monitored from April.

- 6.2 Michael Hornby advised that litter contained within brambles on the northern boundary are proving difficult to litter pick.

- 6.3 Tony Betteridge reported the issue of mud on the A44.

Ana Gonzalez explained that the wheel wash is working on site but has its limitations due to low water pressure on site.

Wychavon District Council street sweeping frequency has decreased.

Vincent Connor (WCC) will enquire with Wychavon District Council:

Mark Edwards (WDC) advised: *The A44 is litter-picked fortnightly but mechanical sweeping is now 3 times per year.*

- 6.4 Michael Hornby advised Alan Wilson that Infinis have been awarded a contract extension until March 2017.

- 6.5 Cllr Charles Tucker reported a general landfill type odour in the area:

Issues can be reported 'on the day' to SWS or the Environment Agency.

6.6 Vincent Connor advised Cllr L Tucker that the Energy from Waste facility will start commissioning in October 2016 with official handover to the Council in March 2017.

**7.0 The next meeting is scheduled for 18:00 Monday 11 July 2016.**

Cllr Charles Tucker requested that a SWS report on flies is included.

**8.0 The Meeting closed at 18:40**