

HIGH HEAVENS LIAISON COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY 27th September 2016

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| Attendees: | Cllr Jean Teesdale (JT) | Chair, County Councillor, BCC |
| | Andrew Jenkins (AJ) | BCC |
| | Claire Oakins (CO) | BCC |
| | Kofi Adu-Gyamfi (KAG) | BCC |
| | Roger Seed (RS) | BCC |
| | Sally Ackroyd (SA) | BCC |
| | Charlie Trousdell (CT) | Countryside |
| | Julian Smith (JS) | Environmental Health, Wycombe District Council |
| | Jez Elkin (JE) | FCC |
| | Sara Perry (SP) | FCC |
| | Jenny France (JF) | Great Marlow District Council |
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| Apologies: | Darren Hayday (DH) | BCC Councillor, West Wycombe |
| | Gurbaksh Badhan (GB) | BCC |
| | Hedley Luxton (HL) | Booker Common and Woods Protection Society BCWPS |
| | Stuart Markham (SM) | Countrystyle Recycling |
| | Matt Rice (MR) | Environment Agency |
| | Gillian Sinclair (GS) | FCC |
| | Amba Latimer (AL) | Marlow Bottom Parish Council |
| | Cllr Mike Pack (MP) | Marlow Council |
| | Harrie Cooke (CH) | Resident |
| | Chas Farmer (CF) | Resident |
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| Notes: | Sally-Anne Boosey (SAB) | BCC, Project Support Officer, Supporting TEE |
| Shadowing: | Bernadette Nyamayaro (BN) | BCC, Business Support Officer, TEE |

| 1. Introductions | Actions |
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| <p>Introductions were made. Apologies noted</p> | |
| 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting | Actions |
| <p>Previous minutes were agreed.</p> <p>All agreed the visit to Greatmoor in July was well worth the visit.</p> <p>JE advised that visitor bookings are steady since opening day and advance bookings for next month are encouraging. A wide age range and diverse groups are visiting the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults – 286 to date • Parish Councils – 16 • A local school is booked for next month • Scout groups • Local Resident's groups <p>By far the favourite part of the tour is the furnace.</p> | |

3. EfW Programme Update – Questions and Answers

- New FCC Vehicles and Livery

SP advised the new FCC vehicles started running on the route last Monday. These vehicles are quieter and more efficient to run. They have solid sheeting over the top instead of netting to prevent rubbish escaping. Everything is tucked in under the cover and this looks better visually.

SP circulated examples of the new livery (attached). Bucks CC and FCC logos are on the sides and rear of the vehicles. Information is very visible, outlining the positive aspects of the project and what it is achieving. The design on the rear of the vehicle (shown in meeting) shows how the first operational vehicle looks at the moment.

- Complaints about Litter and Rubbish

JF said residents are continuing to complain about rubbish and litter - Crest Road, Clay Lane and Cressex Road in particular. JF knows of one resident who lives in Cressex Road who goes out every morning to clear rubbish from the street outside their house. It is a great problem for residents.

SP said CCTV is in operation on the site and time and money has been invested in the best equipment. However, other waste vehicles use the site as well and a large percentage of these are not under FCC management. FCC has a programme to contact contractors to advise them to use the facility in a suitable way. FCC has invested in the new vehicles to reduce the impact of rubbish flying off the top of their lorries.

SP advised residents to report offenders who drive off with doors open. Vehicles are tracked and monitored and can be identified from the system.

FCC does undertake some element of litter picking around the site. The team will pick up rubbish identified as dustbin items from the site but not litter picking for things thrown out of cars in the general area. The site is checked on a daily basis and litter picking duties assigned accordingly.

It was acknowledged that litter and rubbish is a problem in the area. Fast food chains, oil down the drains and other businesses leaving rubbish on the street and in doorways contribute to the untidiness. However this cannot be attributed to the High Heavens complex as for example it is black bags left out on the street that encourage foxes and crows that rip them open to drag the contents out. More needs to be done locally to make people aware of how quick and easy it is to use the facilities available to dispose of their rubbish.

- Fly Tipping

Residents feel BCC and District Councils should take a firmer stance over this issue. Maybe more cameras could be installed and more information circulated detailing the costs of picking up rubbish and fly tipping fines.

CO said more cameras had been installed throughout the county which had resulted in more prosecutions. There is also an enforcement hotline which has raised the profile of the issue.

There is a phone app that gives GPS location. Taking a picture and uploading immediately gives an exact location of the fly tipping. A picture is much better

than trying to explain the location as picture evidence shows date and time. CO confirmed that pictures can be uploaded to the hotline at Bucks.

Bucks CC is leading with new technology to deal with fly tipping and other counties are coming to Bucks CC to look at our systems and for training.

BCC Legal Services have recently moved to shared services with Harrow Borough, so this needs to be monitored to ensure the issue is followed up.

- EfW Contract Update

RS said the plant is running well. Waste is being processed and exporting energy equivalent to supplying 36,000 households. The projected savings over 30 years are estimated to be £150,000,000.

JT said there should be more publicity about the waste not going to landfill. The public should know of the changes. Facts and figures for local press to let the public know of the changes, savings, why doing this and improvements in the environment.

CO said there were dedicated website links that District and Parish Councils can include in their websites and newsletters. The links contain a lot of educational information about waste and recycling. JF felt the public need to be more aware of the issues and this should be a standard item on newsletters and websites.

JE is preparing an article for Parish Newsletters this week and two local Resident's Groups, Quainton and Brill, have shown interest as well. Word of mouth is getting the interest coming in and this needs to be regularly followed up with hard copy information, website links and press articles.

4. Current High Heavens site update – Questions and Answers

Kofi Adu-Gyamfi gave a presentation on the proposed new Biowaste Transfer Station.

- Discussion Points:

The new Waste Transfer Station (WTS) will be a purpose built enclosed facility to handle Green Waste, Food Waste and Bulky Waste under one roof. It will be built on the same footprint as the current site of the bulky waste shredding area and the former IVC site which is now disused.

Incorporated in the layout will be a one way circuit. This will comply with Health and Safety regulations and enable traffic flow around the rest of the complex.

The Dano Drum location is empty and currently not used. This will be demolished and the area levelled out. The bulky waste shredding operation will temporarily re-locate to this space during construction of the WTS.

The expectation is that smells should not be more than what is experienced already and hopefully reduced. KAG said 75k to 80k tonnes of organic waste is being managed at the site. JS said the move towards a covered facility will find favour with the Environment Agency as they prefer this to processing in the open.

BCC is planning for future efficiency with this development. The WTS will replace the existing arrangements with a modern, flexible facility. No significant changes are anticipated. Green Waste, Food Waste and Bulky Waste are already coming into the site for processing. There will be limited changes to traffic movements.

The one way circuit around the site will help the traffic flow around the complex.

It will enable the council to comply with Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) statutory duties; link with other WDA contracts on the site e.g., bulky waste shredding and Household Recycling Centre. More importantly, there will be increased Value for Money for the Council's rate-payers.

- The proposal has to go through key stages and be transparent for scrutiny:

| Date | Action |
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| Jun-July 2016 | Business Case prepared |
| August 2016 | Cabinet Member Key Decision |
| Sept 2016 – Jan 2017 | Contractor Procurement. Bidders have been asked to express their interest and the final successful contractor will be appointed towards the end of January 2017 |
| March 2017 – July 2017 | Consultations will take place with the relevant Liaison Groups, Committees and Forums to ensure full collaboration with our neighbours |
| July 2017 – Oct 2017 | The Planning Application will be submitted. This will go to a different service at Bucks CC for approval. This will follow all the usual planning procedures. |
| Jan 2018 | Cabinet Member Key Decision. Subject to Planning approval |
| Feb 2018 | Award of the Contract |
| March 2018 – April 2019 | Construction and Commissioning |
| April 2019 | WTS Operational |

5. AOB

- Fallen Tree near the entrance to the site

The fallen tree by the entrance was noted and there was discussion about whose responsibility it was. SP said it fell out of a garden into the access road to the site. FCC had got to work immediately and cleared the part of the trunk across the road. JT thought the remainder of the tree was the responsibility of the Housing Association Estate next to the site.

30/09/2016 update: subsequent to this meeting JS has been in contact with Home Group who manage the Clayhill estate. They have raised an order for a contractor to remove the tree.

- Attendance at Meetings

JT expressed disappointment that more members and residents of the committee were not at the meeting. SAB read the apologies. JT asked if there were any specific reasons for apologies. SAB said it was mainly a clash of meetings that had arisen. JT suggested circulating details of the committee to Parish Councils to reiterate the importance of their attendance to get their views across.

7. Date of next Meeting

21st February 2017 at High Heavens, 2.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m