

FFOS-Y-FRAN LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 016
26th February 2009

Civic Centre, Merthyr Tydfil

ATTENDEES:

Appointed Councillor Members	Office	Ward	Present
Cllr Julian Amos	Chair	Dowlais	YES
Cllr Tony Rogers		Dowlais	YES
Cllr Amy Kitcher	Deputy Chair	Town	-
Cllr Robert Griffin		Town	YES
Cllr Derek Games		Plymouth	YES
Cllr Brent Carter		Plymouth	-
Cllr Leighton Smart		Bedlinog	-
Substitute Councillor Members			
Cllr Ray Thomas		Dowlais	-
Cllr Phil Williams		Dowlais	-
Cllr Gareth Lewis		Town	-
Cllr Kurt Morgan		Town	-
Cllr Kevin O'Connor		Plymouth	-
Cllr Gareth Jones		Bedlinog	YES
Caerphilly CBC			
Cllr David Hardacre		Caerphilly	-
MTCBC Officers			
Mr Norman Davies	Head of Planning		YES
Mr Dave Dier	Head of Public Health		-
Ms Zoe Pieris	Principle Environmental Health Officer		YES
Environment Agency			
Mr Dave Griffiths			YES
Ms Laura Owen			YES
Mr John Harrison			-

Resident Members			
Mrs Alyson Austin		Bradley Gardens	YES
Mrs Mary Bradley		Fochriw	-
Mrs Jane Flower		Japonica	YES
Mr Lyn Humphries		Dowlais	YES
Mr Phillip Murphy		Caerharris	-
Mr Alan Rees		Caedraw	YES
Mr Bill White		Dowlais	YES
Mr Ron Yandle		Mount View	
Miller Argent			
James T. Poyner	Director		-
Stephen Tillman	Director		-
Robert Jones	Operations Manager		YES
Bob Edwards	DP Manager		-
Kylie Jones	Environmental Liaison Officer		YES
Susan Allen	Office Manager		YES
Elizabeth Verrinder	Archaeologist		-
Gwilym Llewellyn	Deputy DP Manager		YES
Lisa Llewellyn-Williams	Secretary		YES
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Invited Guests			

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1.00 Apologies

Apologies were received from James Poyner, Stephen Tillman, Brent Carter, Phil Murphy, Ron Yandle, Bob Edwards, David Hardacre, Dave Dier, Cllr Amy Kitcher, Cllr Gareth Jones and John Harrison

2.00 Declaration of Interest

There were no declaration of interest declared

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3.	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>	
3.01	Agreed as a true once the following amendments made	
3.02	Cllr Rogers sent his apologies at the last meeting but this was not noted on the minutes	SA
9.01	Norman Davies stated that we need a bit more explanation to the reason of his Monitoring Report. ND will speak with Susan Allen next week to agree on a different format and added to the notes.	ND/SA
4.00	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
2.9	Cllr Amos asked if Minutes of the last meeting were sent to Gareth Chapman. SA stated no because the e-mail address she had been given was not recognised so Cllr Amos said he will send him his copy.	JA/SA
5.03	RJ said he will speak on the final quantities later.	
9.03	The question was asked was the 4 th figure a forth payment of that figure or the total altogether. RJ said he would have to check with James Poyner.	RJ
5.00	<u>Reports</u>	
	<u>Miller Argent Site report</u>	
5.01	Mr Robert Jones discussed his report which had circulated to all committee members ahead of the meeting.	
5.02	Alan Rees asked did we take 4 th order of machine? Robert Jones stated that the 4 th machine was a PC3000 and is due for commission on Monday.	
5.03	Alan Rees said what a professional job Miller Argent had done on the removal of the Hoover tip completed within	

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16 months is a remarkable success. Alyson Austin said that the residents concerns were not of the tips recorded but of the unrecorded.

Norman Davies said he understood the residents concerns that was raised during the enquiry but this was due to the confusion about what lay underneath

Alyson Austin asked the question what if Miller Argent came across other tips that had not been recorded.

Robert Jones said that Miller Argent would undertake and treat all tips in the same manner. Alyn Rees said he had every confidence that Miller Argent would employ the same professional manner.

The question was asked if any bodies had been found – due to the fact that a young boy (Derek Jones) had fallen down one of the shafts in 1948 and his body never recovered. Robert Jones said no bodies had found.

Miller Argent – Environmental Report

5.4 Kylie Jones reported that only 10 complaints had been received of which there were only 6 complainants.

Kylie Jones said they are still concentrating on the PC3000 will be on site fitted and tested. Nothing else to report and asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked to Kylie.

Environment Agency

5.5 David Griffiths said that no complaints had been received. all samples were in consent

MTCBC Environmental Health Department

5.6 Zoe Peiris said it had been a quiet month with only 2 complaints. 1 Noise and 1 Smoke complaint. The vehicle omitting smoke is no longer operating anymore.

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Cllr Derek Games asked do we have a list of the objectors on the complaints list. Cllr Amos said that he doesn't feel this is relevant and that isn't it a right to remain anonymous when you give a complaint. Zoe Peiris stated that they don't deal with anonymous complaints, Kylie Jones also said that is the case for Miller Argent. Alyson Austin asked Cllr Games does he think objectors don't have the right to complain?

Cllr Griffin said all Miller Argent complaints should be recorded to MTCBC, and why should we rely on complaints for noise/dust pollution? Zoe Peiris said we don't rely on complaints, we have procedures in place such as air quality monitors and dust monitors around the borough. All records are produced and shown on the MTCBC website and brought up in the meeting and in reports.

6.00 Residents Reports/Concerns

- 6.01 Alyson Austin said she has one resident complaint on 9th February and that Miller Argent replied with a letter. In the last paragraph it states you have to follow the official procedure by telephoning the emergency hotline. Alyson Austin said the resident did ring 3 times but on each occasion she had an answering machine, and when she rang the emergency mobile number that too was unavailable. Robert Jones explained that she rang his mobile and he was at home at the time, Alyson Austin asked who has the emergency when he is on leave? Robert said unfortunately that on this occasion it was not given to anyone.

7.00 Elected Members Report

Dowlais Ward

- 7.01 No complaints

Town Ward

- 7.02 No complaints – but felt the public still needed reassurance.

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	<u>Plymouth Ward</u>	
	7.03 No complaints	
8.00	<u>Correspondence Received</u>	
	8.01 No correspondence received	
9.00	<u>Any Other Business</u>	
9.01	Lyndon Humphries announced that he was standing down as it is in his 70 th year and is going to retire. Cllr Julian Amos asked do Miller Argent have a reservation list of new members that would like to take Lyndon's place at meetings, Robert Jones said he will ask James Poyner.	RJ
9.02	Cllr Tony Rogers said that since the last meeting this one had come very quick and suggests we hold meetings every 3 months, but chatting to everyone 2 months seems sufficient excluding August and December – no meetings in these months. Alan Rees seconds that. It was all agreed that the meetings be held every 2 months. Cllr Julian Amos to call a meeting if any important issues come up between that time, such as the southern burden works in May/June. Norman Davies suggested we have an annual Liaison Meeting held at the Ffos-y-fran site, it was suggested by Robert Jones that this take place in June, and that everyone is welcome to an on-site visit if they so wish. It was agreed the next meeting take place in April, then an on-site meeting in June and the following meeting in September.	
9.03	Cllr Amos suggests that Miller Argent, Environment Agency and Environmental Health Authority should continue circulating their reports to the members monthly. This was agreed.	RJ/KJ
10.00	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>	

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10.1	Thursday 30 th April 2009 at 6.30pm at Civic Centre, Merthyr Tydfil	
10.2	There being no further business Cllr Amos thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting	

Appendices

1. Site Progress Report – Robert Jones
2. Environmental Report – Kylie Jones
3. Environment Agency's Report

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