

REDVALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 14 March 2011 at 7:30pm

Present: Mick Hunt (Chairperson)
Kirk Storey
Bill Earwaker
Charlie Earwaker
Mike Kunzli
Bob Gibbs
John McLean (AC)
Mark Drury (Peer Review Panel)
Chris Wills (TWM)
Carl Temm (TWM)
Rob Bailey (TWM)

Apologies: Stephen Walker
Michelle Kennedy (TWM)

Absent: Richard Croker
John Neil
Tracey Rollitt (Board of Trustees)

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were circulated by mail prior to this meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct (moved Bob, seconded Mike).

Matters arising from minutes:

John noted that the Xmas function was very successful.

Correspondence:

None.

Operations report:

Disposal: Rob outlined how disposal had moved into the new Cell 17a in February placing refuse “fluff” layer. Filling there will resume in June – August when winds are high and the risk of off site litter is reduced due to working at lower levels. Filling is currently at the RL92m level heading south and west. The eastern batter is being completed and the litter fence will be relocated to the top. The batter will be fully grassed in April/May.

Site Development: Cell 17c will be constructed next season and completed in 2012.

Complaints: The complaints received from neighbours since 18 October 2010 were discussed. The total number was nine with six odour complaints, two of litter discharging from trucks on SH17 and one of vehicles parking outside the school.

Regulatory issues: There was nothing to report.

Energy: Chris raised the issue of Avoided Transmission Charges that Vector is now not paying TPI. The issue still needs to be resolved.

Current Issues:

Property: Consent has been granted for the boundary adjustment. Chris expressed his concern over the time (18 months) that it took to obtain the consent.

There was nothing to report on Subdivision X except that TPI was waiting for the wetlands to be established.

G12 – G20 expansion: Foundations were currently being put down in readiness for the next three generators that will arrive in May/June.

Thirty neighbours will be notified in regard to the air discharge consent application which covers the discharges from generators G12 – G20.

Biofuel proposals: The pilot plant is still being used with the refuse gantry truck operating on this alternative fuel. It was disappointing to note that running the refuse equipment (e.g. Cat compactor) on compressed landfill gas did not stack up as being economic due to the engine conversion cost.

John offered his services to float the idea to Council of Council running their vehicles (potential for bus conversions) on landfill gas. It was noted that TPI could only use 10% of what it theoretically could produce. TPI agreed to formulate a “10 minute” presentation for Council for John’s consideration.

Recycling plant proposals: It was noted that TPI was looking at crushing concrete on the trotting track area for its own use at Redvale as roading material. A recycling plant was also an option for consideration. The consent process will be reactivated.

Managed fill proposal: With reference to maps Chris outlined the proposal to set up a managed fill site to the south west of the landfill on TPI land to deposit low level contaminated soils. Access would be via the current Redvale Landfill Access Road and weighbridge.

Noted highlights were:

- Half a million cubic metres of fill to be placed over a 10 – 15 year period.
- The site had good geology which was equivalent to the landfill liner quality.
- A geotechnical study will be undertaken.
- The consent application is expected to be lodged in 2 – 3 months.

John asked about the surrounding neighbours in regard to visibility of the managed fill activities. Chris noted that a bund and screen planting would be put in.

Bob stated that he tentatively had no objection to the proposal. He also considered that the noise from the generators had improved.

Peer Review report:

Mark tabled and spoke to the PRP report for the period to October 2010. There were no questions raised.

General Business:

Bob questioned the slip on the western high wall. Chris explained that the saturated Waitemata material interfaced with the impermeable material which would have led to the slippage.

It was raised that some comments had been received about lights from the landfill being visible first thing in the morning from Jeffs Road after they go on at 5:30am. Rob will look into repositioning the lights but noted that they did not want shadows created which would potentially cause safety issues.

An internal health, safety and environmental auditor would be on site this week undertaking an audit of the site's operations.

It was noted that John will keep Cr Wayne Walker up to date in regard to Committee business and it was agreed that Wayne could have copies of the correspondence from the Committee. There was a consensus that one representative (John) from the Council on the Committee was appropriate.

Next meeting: 7:30pm Monday 18th July 2011.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.