

Minutes

Redvale Landfill Community Liaison Committee Meeting Held at the Redvale Landfill Office - Monday 20/10/14 at 7.00pm

Site tour 7pm.

Present: M Kunzli, R Sorenson, B Gibbs, C Wills, D Marshall, M Bradshaw, N Donovan, R Croker, M Drury, K Storie, A Vosper, J McLean, D Hardy, A Dyson, B Earwaker, R Bailey, M Kennedy, Local Residents 40.

Apologies: nil

Minutes of previous meeting: Circulated.

Minutes accepted as true and correct: J McLean

Seconded: D Hardy

Matters arising:

- Community newsletter is now being delivered by North Harbour Pony Club – Silverdale Branch. Last newsletter for the year is due out beginning of November.
- Company name changed from TPI to Waste Management NZ Ltd.
- Environmental program has begun with the DF School families being involved in tree planting on site last month. D Marshall confirmed schools attendance.

Correspondence:

- Email from Rodney Local Board PA/Liaison Vicky Shanley, advising she will make a note of the next meetings on the Rodney Local Board Political calendar.
- Email notification from Bob Gibbs that 36 local residents will be attending this meeting.

Operations report: presented by R Bailey and A Dyson

Disposal/Managed Fill/Site Development/Energy/Stockpile 6

- Through the winter we filled over PH 18 as planned, and as the tonnes remained high, this also included the filling of 17d side wall liner.
- We will continue to fill a 5 meter lift over RL90 for another few weeks when preparing an area at RL 100. We will then move operations to fill from there, heading south up until the New Year.
- Once Cell 19 is ready in the New Year we will have the option to either continue to fill high or down in cell 19.
- Operations are making the most of the dry weather and have picked up where we left off in July with final cover work starting on the northern batter. This will continue through the summer into next year. This will included the thickened cover on the eastern batter.

- The landfill road intersection which had been re-contoured has proved a success through the winter, enabling trouble free access to the tip pad and Managed Fill, also aided in the reduction of mudstone tracking.
- The Managed Fill continued to be busy through the winter despite some wet times. We have almost completed the second lift.
- With the onset of drier weeks and summer just around the corner (hopefully) we have a busy schedule ahead consisting of, final batter clay work including contour drains. Concrete lining some road side drains, semi-permanent paving to some internal landfill roads and the installation of a second wheel wash. This will minimise mudstone tracking on the roads after the wheel wash. The installation of “rumble strips” was completed at the end of last week, close inspections over the coming weeks will determine if this has been a success.
- A mobile odour suppression unit (MOSU) has been purchased and is currently being skid mounted with its own water storage. This unit will be used around the site and has the capacity to throw a fine mist approx. 40 meters. This will work great on still mornings.
- A fogging system has been installed on our boundary with HSB road were currently we are trialing some different fragrances.
- 7500hr services were carried out on generators 10 & 11. The engines were shut down for 5 days to complete each service.
- The upgrade to flare # 1 was completed and the flare was back in operation after the scheduled two week program. The LEU was shut down for a further week for repairs to the control panel
- The Energy Park Services Building is now completed and operational. The next major service Due in December will be first service to be carried out in the new workshop.
- The 11kv circuit breaker connecting to the Dairy Flat feeder has been refurbished, all testing has been completed and we have applied to Vector for permission to reconnect to the network.
- A container has been placed in front of the blowers as a temporary noise barrier. Further more permanent work will be completed in this area in due course.

Complaints: Circulated and A Vosper highlighted the fact there was a considerably more than usual and compared to last year, due to the hearing being set for July, and which has now been extended to Oct could be the contributing factor. J McLean asked for the response time to which was explained. Tonkin & Taylor and Auckland Council are independently reviewing this process. Local residents in attendance advised of two complaints not answered within the hour and also of complaints that were not logged.

B Gibbs – Operation of hours need to be explained.

A Vosper – Operating hours were discussed at Consent hearing. AV summarised the activities between 0530 and 0600hrs. We currently await the Decision of the Commissioners.

Keith Bremner 71 Tender Rd – what noise control measures will be added?

AVosper – WM will be installing acoustic enclosures at the Energy Park to absorb noise from the generators and from the Gas Blower station/Leachate Evaporator feed pump. Costings for barriers have been completed. WM is working on this now and will not be waiting on Consent to be approved.

Material barriers will be absorbing noise and additional generators would have a series of their own enclosures installed, however no plans to put in addition generators at this stage.

Construction noise is currently consented during the day – signs are up and installation of quieter reversing alarms on plant installed.

As the operations move westwards towards Tender Rd, a berm will be built around L/fill area as part of noise control methods.

B Gibbs said agreement with Council is 45 to 40 decibels at night.

Sharon Johnston 1153 DF Hwy –had questions relating to change of zoning under Unitary Plan.

Ron Clark 57 Tender Rd – mostly machinery noise, a constant background noise.

M Kunzli – believes there is going to be a noise reduction.

A Vosper – New machinery has better noise suppression. WM will adopt these, as improvements in technology are made. For example new 836 compactors emit lower noise levels internally and externally.

AV – Prior meeting B Gibbs asked for proof of noise monitoring in the past 5 years, AV confirmed Hagley Acoustics carried out monitoring in 2008 & 2011. Marshall Day also monitored noise in Jul, Aug & Sept 2013 and also in Jun and Jul of 2014.

Random areas have been monitored - 73 Tender Rd.

AV - WM are not pre-warned where testing is taking place it is business as usual.

A resident questioned if there was a control over trucks coming in in the morning?

AV – Signs & circular notification of engines to be switched off. Audits are also carried out to ensure this is happening.

Nick de Witte 99 Tender Rd – Noise test. Has full on noise then wind swings & noise is gone.

Depends on where work is being done. Tests done over a period of few weeks?

AV – Data collected by independent collector who deem where/when appropriate to do this. This data was then reviewed by Auckland Council noise expert.

N Donovan – introduced himself. Reported that people have pushed for independent noise person to come out monthly, so monthly tests done by independent. Put forward as possible consent condition. Reminder to residents to advise council of complaints.

A resident – Answer phone at council is hit & miss. Weekend was held on cell phone for some time and eventually gave up.

R Sorenson – incident with council of phone call being forgotten about and also reminder to all to tell council where noise is at time otherwise it is assumed it is at your address.

Tim Holt Tender Rd – Start up noise issues. Is between 0530 & 0600 start-up time?

AV - there some preparatory activities undertaken between 0530 and 0600hrs, and these were discussed during the Consent Hearing. Work Instruction in place for these activities.

N Donovan recommended residents to ring local office for noise concerns/complaints..

B Gibbs – confirms variance to start up 5.30-6 6-7. Activity noise can be controlled.

AV –noise: company is not applying for any changes to current consent on noise limits.

Sharon Johnson DF Hwy – Conditions of operation are 6am-6pm. Why pulling back cover (operating) prior to 6am?

RB – 1st machinery start up at 5.45am. Machinery slowly starting up rather than all at once at 6am.

AV – These activities are being looked at to further reduce noise.

Q – Why have we not dropped the 45 decibels to a lower level?

CW – Previous works, in 21 odd years cannot recall of any complaints of the decibels.

Regulatory Issues: N Donovan – surface and groundwater three monthly results to come thru. High levels of zinc have been recorded.

Council currently going thru re-structure. Pollution, Monitoring and Consent teams to have more staff on the ground.

Andrew Nieuwelaar 68 Tender Rd – Air discharge consent clearly says combustible materials.

We are experiencing sore and irritated throats.

Would be a good idea to have a re-test of the Sulphur Dioxide.

What is Council's baseline going to be?

Baseline Sulphur dioxide should be measured.

AD – Tests carried out on three random engines by Councils organisation.

N Donovan – Checking with Jared in AC Air Quality.

Stockpile 6/Northern Landform : AV confirmed that additional planting work had been undertaken on the area. Also, there had been some inquiries from equestrian group use the area, and this is being considered.

Residents would like to know hours of operation and where the access road to this area will be. To be confirmed by WM

Current issues

- Property subdivision on Horseshoe Bush Rd – currently going thru due process.
- Generation noise update – discussed earlier.
- Time extension consent renewal update – Consent held 22-24th July adjourned for further information for Commissioners. Submissions and Technical officers reviewed all. 16th October hearing closed. The Board of Commissioners is now reviewing all submissions made, and will determine their decision. It is thought that this will be provided some time in November.. Anyone who has submitted can appeal.

J McLean – provided explanation of the appeals process.

Recommending parties to sort it up front.

M Kunzli – Concerns over newspaper articles advising of 1km buffer and anaerobic digester. 1km buffer came up some years ago and have heard nothing since.

Unitary Plan shows area planned for significant rural development.

AV - WM's submission to Council to take note Landfill being adjacent. WM will provide further information.

PMN: WM provided an electronic copy of the Unitary Plan submission post meeting to all residents and attendees of today's CLC meeting, and arranged a special meeting on the Unitary Plan for 4th November, at which WM senior management and expert planners from Tonkin & Taylor would be made available.

Evelyn Gibbs 115 Richards Rd – Surely it is new land not existing properties and residential rather than rural.

Question to Council – Applications for Clean fill/Landfills ever been declined?

N Donovan – Not known but as far as he is aware none declined.

Some discussion over anaerobic digester – following articles in the press

AV – Not necessarily going to be at Redvale. Auckland Council have indicated that they want an Anaerobic Digester to divert food waste from landfill, and therefore WM will be providing a commercial proposal, as will our competitors. It should be noted that the landfill itself is an anaerobic digester. Costs and site to be ascertained, and this will be followed by a full consenting process.. There are currently trials being undertaken by AC to determine the characteristics of food waste around Auckland, and these trials have been extended over a longer time period. WM will provide further updates in future.

Pat Bank 184 Richards Rd – Information is available on this.

Jennie Hutchinson 184 Richards Rd – Information is readily available – costs etc. blanked out but have key dates.

PMN: further information was provided in relation to anaerobic digestion at the special meeting on 4th Nov.

N Donovan – encourages residents to send in letters to Council.

Bob Gibbs – Time frame to be tied in to Councils food waste trial.
AV - Evaluation over two years before we would be ready to make an application but Liaison Committee will be notified and kept informed.
Nick De Witte 99 Tender Rd - is collection not out for tender at the moment?
AV – these RFPs have been delayed, but it is our understanding that there will be 7 different collection RFPs. WM will be competing for these.
Nick De Witte – 2015-2016 someone to provide composting.
AV – Council has delayed issuing the Collections RFPs. Dates are provided in AC website.

Detailed submissions made based on current flows. There is significant increase in tonnes. Unknown, can only give our best estimates.

Bob Gibbs –Nick De Witte, Andrew McNeil and Lloyd Richardson had several questions for Waste Management.

Nick De Witte – Forty residents in attendance and apologies from twenty one people. 95% of residents responded instantly with regards to the 1km buffer zone.

Nick De Witte – Questions

- 1) provide questions that consult with 28th
- 2) Secretive antics – low key/difficult to discover
- 3) No consideration to property values
- 4) Disrespect to community
- 5) Overseas based companies should behave better than this.
- 6) The proposed zone stress & financial concern should you be successful.

AV – WM will provide further information and explanation on the “special zone” and the 1km proximity overlay.

M Kunzli - Council are responsible for the planning controls

WM is asking for a 1km special zone –pointing out to council that they are here.. People in zone will be severely affected and property prices will be affected and those on the outside will also devalue.

AV - Council have identified us as of regional importance.

A resident – 1km buffer will be making us live in an industrial commercial zone.

AV: WM will provide all with a copy of WM submission and a special meeting will be arranged for further information and explanation on the Unitary Plan, its impact on development in the area, and WM submission on the Unitary Plan.

M Kunzli –1km issue raised 5-6 years ago – Dec 2013 and again 28th February 2014. Lack of communication.

Resident of Tender Rd – WM regularly “not meeting consent”. Purpose of it is to get consent and abide by the consent. Will special zoning change the consent? What is the advantage? AV – purpose of the special zone is to ensure that Development Planners recognise that the landfill is already here, and future development in the area recognises this.

SHA next to landfill – cannot be together. Work with residential – mutual cooperation. Need to look for a resolution.

First time everyone in one room.

Action point – public consultation. Feedback and talk as a group.

AV to take back to WM concerns to senior management..

Jennie Hutchinson 184 Richards Rd - Overseas application read that approval to purchase 59 Hectares in Horseshoe Bush Rd.

Nick De Witte – with property change would like to meet new owner Beijing Capital.

Question to the Chairman – Gas omissions were not repaired. Why leave it so long when there is an odour issue.

AV – Operational – methane levels are measured with sensitive equipment (an FID) which measures very low levels. As part of our consent we provide an FID survey to AC, and identify areas that need remedy, e.g. after long dry spell, we get cracking of clay soils, which can lead to fugitive emissions. During winter time it is sometimes difficult and unsafe for operators to operate machinery on some slopes, in order to carry out repairs. This is minimised wherever possible. .

June & Dec 2013 – issues with methane.

What management practices have been put in to control this?

Monitoring.

Mobile odour suppression unit.

RB – Additional odour sprayers now on Horseshoe Bush Rd.

Peer Review 43 for discussion.

Mark Drury introduces himself and the role the Peer Review Panel plays.

General business:

- Committee now has a Tender Rd representative Rob Leinwand from 73 Tender Rd.
- Martin Bradshaw reported on developments at the school.
Looking at moving the entrance to the carpark a little further north, closer to Landfill Access Rd entrance. Engineers may approach WM at some stage.
Electronic speed reduction signs from Auckland Transport are not working accurately and are faulty. These need to be 100% reliable and are not showing the correct speed.
- John McLean – need to redesign reporting process from WM. Time of response to complaints – has to be a better response time.
Marshall Day to report to Committee meeting.
Managing cells that break down.
Speed reduction.
Omission Sulphur Dioxide – more testing and reporting.
Submission to Andy.
1km buffer – needs to be relaxed. New conditions that accommodates the locals.
- Auckland Council Feral Deer Control project – Ron Matthews, Biosecurity Team Manager of Environmental Services Unit at the Council has had reports of Feral Deer breeding in the area and has advised WM of the project to eradicate them.
Local resident confirmed DOC contractor had been on their property to cull as they are a pest and there is a need for eradication.
M Kunzli – matter to be kept low key.
School to be considered.
AV to feed back to Committee.

Next meeting date: Monday 16th March 2015.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.