

REDVALE LANDFILL
Minutes of Community Liaison Committee Meeting
Monday 23 April 2001 @ 7:30 pm

Present: Colin Kendall (Chairman)
Jayne Metcalfe (ARC)
Rob Burgess
Mick Hunt
Mike Kunzli
Jim Clough
Richard Croker
Bill Earwaker
Charlie Earwaker
Chris Wills (WMNZ)
Bruce Horide (WMNZ)

Apologies: Stuart Chapman (ARC)
Bill Smith
Duncan MacKintosh

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the 6/11/00 meeting were passed as a correct record.

Waste Placement:

Chris Wills drew cross sections on the white board to explain that a bund of refuse would soon be completed around the edge of the landfill after which refuse placement would take place out of sight in the quarry area.

Construction:

Construction of the next "phase" was delayed this season by wet weather and by slow removal of limestone by Redvale Lime Co.

At Pond 3, part of the southern pond would not be dug out this season, in order to maintain a visual screen for northern neighbours. The silt pond on Wright's property was to stay.

Streams:

It was noted that the RDC had sent out a questionnaire about flooding and stock access to streams.

M. Kunzli suggested that Waste Management should periodically let a "big flush" go from the new dam (Pond 5) to ultimately improve low flow water quality.

Land Use Consent - Leachate Evaporator:

The draft Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) which had been circulated was to be finalised based on comments received, and the application submitted to the RDC.

Land Use Consent - Generators / noise:

The AEE also dealt with extending the permitted site for power generators. A noise report by Hegley Acoustic Consultants was tabled. Any additional generators would need better exhaust muffling and less cooling fan noise - to be achieved by variable speed drives for the radiator fans which would run slower at night when it was cooler.

Land Use Consent - liquids:

The AEE also dealt with sludge from the evaporator and on-site truck wash which would be returned to the landfill. There would be no trucking off site. There was no objection in principle from the CLC.

RB asked why the consent originally specified no liquids (the "20% solids" rule). C. Wills explained that the rule was used in the USA more than 10 years ago, to "dry tomb" the waste, to avoid gas and odour and to avoid instability of the waste pile. Since then, technology has improved and philosophy has changed in regard to reaping environmental benefits by gas collection.

Land Use Consent - Army Bay sewage sludge:

Waste Management had rejected RDC's sewage sludge because of odour. An application had been put to RDC to waive their 20% solids rule for their alternative treated sludge which was not odorous.

Air Discharge Consent - gas to electricity generators:

WMNZ planned to apply for 1 MW extra for installation later this year, and then to apply for the remaining 13 MW later.

PCB:

BH reported on landfill gas tests results. Tests found that Redvale gas was the same as other landfill gas internationally, and that toxic PCB's were all below detection limits. Tests on ambient air had found PCB in ambient air at three times the level in Lorena Collett's sample, but similar levels at the cross-wind site which should be ordinary Dairy Flat air i.e. not affected by the landfill. As the results had only come in this evening, more analysis was to be done.

Basegrade:

The Peer Review Panel was to be asked to approve proposed changes to excavation on the West Property. Leachate would flow to the south towards the evaporator instead of towards the north where it would otherwise have to be piped or trucked from near Horseshoe Bush Road. In response to CLC questions, the footprint, final height and waste volumes would not be changed. Drilling investigations had been done.

Complaints:

175	24/10/00	S. Woolford	odour - UE waste
176	6/11/00	L. Collett	odour
177	9/11/00	D. MacIntosh	odour
178	13/11/00	L. Graczer	odour - SW 260
179	14/11/00	L. Collett	noise - Rex odour - WBR
180	15/11/00	L. Collett	odour
181	16/11/00	L. Collett	odour
182	21/12/00	L. Collett	special burial
183	13/1/01	L. Collett	odour - gas/refuse
184	13/1/01	L. Collett	odour
185	5/1/01	L. Collett	odour - Chemwaste
186	27/1/01	L. Collett	odour - refuse/chemicals
187	6/1/01	D. Clough	odour
188	11/1/01	D. Clough	odour - WBR
189	12/1/01	D. Clough	odour
190	7/2/01	M. Robertson	waste off trucks on highway
191	8/2/01	L. Collett	odour - chemical
192	8/2/01	D. Clough	odour - refuse
193	9/2/01	S. Woolford	odour
194	9/3/01	M. Hunt	odour
195	12/3/01	L. Collett	noise
196	15/3/01	M. Radley	odour - UE
197	19/3/01	D. MacKintosh	odour
198	26/3/01	RDC	litter - off trucks on highway
199	24/3/01	L. Collett	odour
200	28/3/01	M. Radley	litter
201	28/3/01	M. Hay	litter - truck on highway
202	30/3/01	L. Collett	odour - sprayer deodorant
203	29/3/01	B. Stewart	litter - Perry truck
204	9/4/01	D. MacKintosh	odour
205	17/4/01	D. Clough	odour
206	18/4/01	D. MacKintosh	odour
207	14/4/01	Blomfield	odour - Perrys/Waitakere/Nth
208	20/4/01	MacKintosh	odour
209	21/4/01	D. Clough	odour
210	23/4/01	S. Woolford	comments following on from 207

Discussion:

- Army Bay sludge at Xmas - odour depended on how fast they got it here.
- Compactor noise - less since new Bomag bought, but compactor noise no problem
- Horse burials - holes would no longer be dug due to odour from the hole
- Thames waste - the collection contractor got behind; no Thames waste next summer
- Odour suppressant - new product trialled for 4 days but 3 complaints about it
- Litter on roads - WM is keeping pressure on its customers
- Passive flare - will not be run at night
- Easter - too much old smelly waste after the break

General:

Some CLC members were hearing load hammer bangs early in the morning, assumed to be mallets used to release door catches.

The amount of mudstone remaining to be carted off site, mainly by RLC, was relatively small.

Any early morning truck departures were quarry trucks.

Reversing beepers were now suppressed.

The landfill Open Day was a success, attracting residents from further afield.

Bark across the by-pass road was to be scraped back.

Next meeting:

Monday 9 July 2001 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting closed @ 9:30 pm