

REDDALE LANDFILL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
Monday 25 June 2007 at 7:30 pm

Present: Mick Hunt (Chairperson)
Annalise Bennett (ARC Landfills Officer)
Mark Drury (URS/Peer Review Panel)
Bob Gibbs
Wayne Walker
Chris Wills (WAM)
Chris Northey (WAM)
Kirk Storey

Visitors:
Representatives from the Board of
Trustees, Dairy Flat Primary School

Apologies: Steve Walker
Greville Walker –
Mike Kunzli
John Neil
Richard Croker
Bill Earwaker

Absent: Charlie Earwaker

Chairman Mick Hunt welcomed the visitors from Dairy Flat Primary School Board of Trustees and briefly elaborated on the Liaison Committee's role to disseminate information and to provide a forum for resolution of problems (if any).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were circulated by mail prior to this meeting (and additional copies tabled at the meeting).

Chris Wills proposed – *That the minutes of the 26 March 2007 meeting as circulated and tabled at this meeting be accepted as a correct record.*

mark Drury seconded.

Carried.

Matters arising from minutes:

No matters arising.

Correspondence:

A letter from a member of the public had been sent to the ARC expressing concerns with the characteristics of Army Bay biosolids, presently disposed at Redvale Landfill. Bruce Horide (Landfill Compliance Manager) had responded advising the matter was a consent condition for the RDC, not the ARC. In addition, a variation had been approved by the RDC in 2001, permitting disposal.

ARC Landfill Officer Annalise Bennett advised she had responded to the writer suggesting they "take it up with the RDC, ARC do not have jurisdiction".

Operations Report:

Chris Northey tabled the Operations Report and spoke to it.

- *Waste Placement*

Disposal operations were undertaken in Phase 14 A from mid-January until early April. Subsequently a new tip-head was opened in Phase 12 West. This will continue to be used, as required, throughout the winter. In the meantime, placement of the fluff layer is underway in Phase 14 B and this will be our preferred disposal area until September.

- *Intermediate and Final Cover Placement and Sowing of grass.*

Substantial final cover has been placed in the north of Phases 7, 8, and 9. This is in the process of being top-soiled and grassed. In addition, intermediate cover has been placed over much of southern portion of Phases 8 and 9, and Phase 12. Substantial areas have been mulched and grassed.

- *Site Development*

The construction program is completed for the season, and will begin again in October.

- *Complaints*

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Complainant</i>	<i>Details</i>
366	2 April	Mrs Williamson of Coatesville	Trucks (including Waste Management) are littering roads in her vicinity.
367	9 May	Member of the Public	Member contacted RDC and advised of odour nuisance from the landfill. Name and address unknown.
368	11 May	Mrs Johnson 1153 SH 17.	Reported an odour nuisance.
369	11 May	Member of the Public from Postman's Road.	An odour nuisance.
370	31 May	Mr Nicols of 1373 SH 17	Waste Management truck litters SH 17.
371	14 June	Mr Nicols of 1373 SH 17	Waste Management truck litters SH 17.

- *Power Generation*

Two additional generators are proposed to be installed this year.

- *Exide waste.*

Some discussion ensued regarding litter management. Chris N elaborated on measures in place and in concert with the Highway Patrol.

Interesting anecdote from Wayne Walker regarding the odour absorbent qualities of zeolite.

Chris Wills informed the meeting that two further 1MWatt gas engines are "on the water" and are expected to be installed and operational by the end of July (bringing the total in place to 9 engines).

Disposal at Redvale Landfill of waste from the Exide batteries factory site in Wellington has recently had some media attention, and was the primary reason members of the Dairy Flat Board of Trustees were in attendance.

Chris Northey briefly summarised Waste Management's procedures associated with ensuring waste is compliant and meets Landfill Acceptance Criteria. In this case, Exide has undertaken a comprehensive re-processing of the waste material to ensure it comfortably meets these standards.

Chris Wills spoke of historical problems with disposal of certain Exide waste types at Wainuiomata Landfill; in particular with odour and generation of gas. He also commented on the significant differences between Wainuiomata and Redvale Landfills in terms of engineering characteristics and operational practices.

Fran (BOT) asked if the waste would leak into the watertable. Chris Wills responded emphatically, "*No way!*"

Annalise spoke of some of the regulatory and technical aspects of the landfill including liner quality management, on-going monitoring systems, and the bond in place in case of catastrophic failure (now \$20+ million).

A specific concern from BOT representatives related to truck roll-over and release of material to the atmosphere.

Annalise said she considered any diesel spilt in a possible crash in transit might represent a greater environmental risk.

It was agreed that BOT representatives could observe a disposal (if they wished) and could examine management and monitoring processes to ensure they were satisfied with the very conservative protocols in place. The offer was accepted.

Mark Drury spoke of the very good containment characteristics and operational practises at the landfill.

Wayne Walker suggested the landfill was "state of the art" and run by persons who take their responsibilities very seriously.

General Business

Chris Wills spoke of two instances in the last three months whereby total truck movements had exceeded 325 per day.

Fran (BOT) said traffic was sometimes noticeable at the school, but was generally "*not too bad*".

Meeting ends at 8.26pm.

Next meeting is proposed to take place at Redvale Landfill Office on Monday 8 October 2007 at 7.00 pm. A site tour to precede the meeting.