

REDDALE LANDFILL
Minutes of Community Liaison Committee Meeting
Monday 30 July 2001 @ 7:30 pm

Present: Colin Kendall (Chairman)
Stuart Chapman (ARC)
Mark Drury (Peer Review Panel)
Cr. Arnold Gosling (Rodney District Council)
Rob Burgess
Mick Hunt
Mike Kunzli
Jim Clough
Richard Croker
Bill Earwaker
Chris Wills (WMNZL)
Bruce Horide (WMNZL)

Apologies: Bill Smith
Charlie Earwaker
Duncan MacKintosh

Welcome:

Rodney District Councillor Arnold Gosling was welcomed to the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the 23/4/01 meeting were passed as a correct record.

Correspondence:

The Chairperson allowed a time for those present to read the copies of correspondence:

- ARC to RDC, 23/4/01: Letter enclosing correspondence from L. Collett.
- Collett to ARC, 14/3/01: Letter re liaison committee membership.
- WMNZL to RDC, 1/5/01: Letter of response regarding liaison committee.
- Collett to WMNZL, 28/6/01: Request for newsletters and notification of address.
- RDC to CLC/WMNZL, 7/5/01: Appointment of Cr Arnold Gosling to CLC.

Matters arising from minutes:

Chris Wills explained that a single document for "Assessment of Environmental Effects" had been prepared, for Land Use Consent for the evaporator and Air Discharge Consent for the generators. It was soon to go to RDC and ARC. Also, RDC had agreed to allow Army Bay ATAD sewage sludge into the landfill - this was an environmentally good outcome.

Community Liaison Committee matters:

Chris Wills said that he had consulted Colin Kendall and Bill Earwaker before WMNZL had replied to RDC.

A number of those present expressed confidence that issues were being addressed with the seriousness they deserved, despite the light nature of meetings.

Stuart Chapman and Mark Drury suggested that there would be advantages in actively inviting particular concerned residents to the CLC meetings.

Stuart Chapman asked if any CLC member lived in the area near L. Collett. Bill Smith and Bill Earwaker were seen as north eastern neighbours.

It was suggested that information about the CLC should be put into Dairy Flat News:

- explanation of CLC membership and elections under the member list
- notification that meetings are open to the public
- recommendation that new persons who wished to attend should confirm the date a few days beforehand
- meeting minutes are available for inspection
- explanation of Peer Review Panel's role and representative

Nevertheless, neighbour liaison was believed to be working well at present.

Some CLC members had a business relationship with WMNZL, whether by use of machines or service contracts which might be interpreted as leading to an apparent conflict of interest. The resident members considered that there was nothing improper, and agreed that it would be disappointing if Waste Management did not support local businesses.

Dairy Flat Protection Society:

It was not certain whether the DFPS had closed. Richard Croker was no longer a member.

Minutes:

It was agreed that minutes could be mailed out to anyone who requested, on a basis of one request at a time, i.e. there would be no mailing list for automatic mail-out. An exception was that Lorena Collett would be sent the minutes of the last two meetings in response to her request. Minutes were to be always available at the landfill office.

Waste placement:

Chris Wills explained the latest development phases and waste placement in "Phase 9B". Waste would be placed along the northern edge again, to form a visual and noise screen bund. However working on high areas would be avoided during unfavourable winds.

In response to a question, Chris Wills said that having no ACC contracts, and Envirowaste activity in the marketplace, and diversion of TCDC odorous waste were not adversely impacting on landfill operations. Waste-by-rail was not operating at the moment due to lower cost to transport by road.

Planting:

Slow growth was noted due to poor soils, Kikuyu, and difficult conditions on the Phase 10 earth fill bund. Maori visitors had called for more plants. Over 40,000 trees had been planted so far. A strip outside the trotting club track had been bought and scrub had been replaced.

PCB:

WMNZL had prepared a report which was now being reviewed by an outside consultant. A retest was needed at the "downwind" site due to inconsistent winds last time. A recent case at Pacific Steel found that the PCBs were from a nearby church's burning of tyres.

Six-monthly report:

Mark Drury summarised the report paragraph by paragraph. Questions were asked about clay cover, waste pile settlement, and oil spills. When asked about any other commissions for Waste Management, Mark Drury said that he was a peer reviewer for the Canterbury landfill proposal which WMNZL was also involved in.

Complaints:

211	24/10/01	S. Woolford	odour - UE waste
212	15/5/01	L. Collett	odour
213	16/5/01	M. Radley	odour
214	23/5/01	L. Collett	odour
215	7/6/01	M. Hayes	rubbish SH17 off truck
216	25/7/01	D. Clough	odour

Discussion:

- Several complaints were for faint odour, or the complaint was received hours later, which meant that the source could not be identified and no response could be taken.
- The issue of litter blowing from trucks leaving the site was being actively pursued by the landfill manager - the company could not control the use of improper trucks.
- Rob Burgess said that he had personally spoken to a Perry's driver about litter from his trailer which had no cover.
- ARC had received a complaint 26/5/01 which was not on the list.

Power:

WMNZL finds that power generation is marginally economic, but wants to make proper use of the resource. A second 1 MW generator had been ordered. Two awards had been won and were displayed.

Basegrade:

Plans of the western property basegrade had been nearly finalised. The new plan, compared to the original WMI plan, was to allow leachate to flow by gravity away from Horseshoe Bush Road towards the south where the treatment plant was.

General:

Chris Wills offered Redvale Landfill as a lunch venue for a proposed tour of the district by councillors in August.

Next meeting: 29 October 2001. Notices to be sent by e-mail where applicable