



Good Neighbours Group Meeting

Minutes from the 25 May 2023

Present		
Andy Swaine	Facility Manager MEB	AS
Gregor McGhee	QHSE Manager, MEB	GM
Garvie Jamieson	Balmoral Tenants and Residents Association	GJ
Nina Cameron	Senior Waste Partnership Officer DCC	NC
Christina Roberts	Bailie	CR
Sarah Cartmill	Community Liaison Manager	SC
Apologies		
Allan Melville	Good Neighbours Group (Hawick Drive Area)	AM
Shannon Jamieson	Balmoral Tenants and Residents Association	
Steven Anderson	Murroes and Wellbank CC	SA

Item		Action
1	Review of the last meetings' minutes Agreed on previous minutes.	
2	Discussions	
AS	<p>Plant issues/improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line 1&2 have continued to run well, there have been some minor issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues with turning waste into fuel led to some downtime early in the year • Boiler 2 had some issues with fuel handling chutes blocking • Boiler 1 had some issues with removing ash from it along with some leakages in the economiser • Continuing issues with vapes • Boiler 3 has run exceptionally well. The only issue since January has been continued overpressure events due, we believe to orphaned gas cannisters in the waste stream <p>Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently have an open vacancy for a PPM Technician • We are currently interviewing for an Operations Apprentice via the Angus Training Group in Arbroath 	



GM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We hope to shortly be advertising for a 12 month paid operations intern• We have a 12 month paid Maintenance Engineering Intern starting with us in June <p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As always training has continued at Baldovie with the usual range of vehicle training, first aid, rescue from height and confined space running during the period• Two staff members are currently studying graduate apprenticeships at UofD• Two staff member are enrolled in HNC training with D&A College <p>Environmental Update 1st Quarter 2023</p> <p>There have currently been 6 emission limit value exceedances for CO daily averages at the end of Q1 for 2023. These comprise 1 daily average exceedance for Line 1, 3 exceedances for Line 2, and 2 exceedances for Line 3.</p> <p>All lines are still currently within compliance limits for the calendar year. Communications with SEPA verified most exceedances are considered to have too few normal operational data readings due to start-up and shutdown situations.</p> <p>Boiler 1 and Boiler 3 experienced 1 x 10-minute average exceedance each for CO in Q1.</p> <p>Boiler 3 experienced 1 x TOC daily average exceedance each in Q1.</p> <p>Boiler 2 experienced 1 x NH3 Daily Average Exceedances in Q1.</p> <p>MEB experienced an exceedance of the dioxin and furan periodic monitoring emission limits in Q.</p> <p>An incident report was raised due to unauthorised waste deliveries being delivered to the site by a 3rd party waste contractor after a reported incident of Avian Flu with no harm to staff.</p> <p>General Update 1st Quarter 2023</p> <p>Q1 2023 starts the second year under full calendar operation under full environmental permit conditions of operation of the new facility under MEB direct control. The main contractor, SBG, has withdrawn all its commissioning team but is still working with MVV on snagging issues.</p> <p>MEB operators are continuing to gain experience and further, develop and enhance their knowledge and expertise in the operation of the contrasting technology of the moving grate boiler. MEB operators are still a common team who strives diligently to keep the parallel operation of Lines 1, 2, and 3 running efficiently.</p>
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<p>SC</p>	<p>The BATc submission was submitted to SEPA before the deadline of 31st August 2022. MEB is still awaiting an official response from SEPA for the permit variation to VN08 but will commence further trials on abatement systems in due course.</p> <p>Third weighbridge – proving successful in easing traffic movements of waste vehicles and consumable deliveries. Additional road spikes have been implemented on the third weighbridge as part of site security protocols.</p> <p>ISO accreditation audits for ISO 9001, 14001, 45001 & 50001 were accomplished on the 23rd and 24th of April 2023 with certification awaiting to be issued.</p> <p>A successful SEPA site inspection was conducted on the 7th of February 2023.</p> <p>Tracey Currie our designated SEPA Officer is retiring as of today.</p> <p>Raising Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSIP Demonstrator Event • Recycling Centre Photo Op – Non Recyclable materials • Community Centre - Wellbank • Family Day • Scottish Government Visit <p>Educational Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lego League • Dundee College & PSIV Challenge • Aberlomno Primary School Eco Warriors Visit • Trash Fashion – Fintry, Gleblands, Eastern Primary’s • St Mary’s Careers Day • Judging East of Scotland EDT Stem Cadets Bronze Award projects • UofD industrial advisory board • 3-month placement project for UofD masters student to complete MSc in Industrial Engineering and Management <p>Sponsorship and Charity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge Fund • Sponsorship awarded to The Blethers Club • Comic Strip 	
<p>3</p>	<p>AOB - No other business.</p>	