

Devonport Incinerator Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: 25th February 2016

Devonport EfW CHP Facility: 6:30 – 8 pm

Present:

Statutory bodies:

- George Wheeler – GW (PCC)
- Jane Ford - JF (MVV)
- Mark Turner – MT (SWDWP)
- David Mudge – DM (EA)

Resident members:

- Alex Battershill – AB
- George Cooke – GC
- Caroll Cooke – CC
- David Angove – DA
- Denis Murphye – DMu
- Sue Murphy – SM
- Veronica Smerdon - VS
- David Marks – DMa
- Ruth Crawford - RC
- Pamela Husson – PH

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ken Ford (MoD)• Sarah Taylor (EA)	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting	
	<p>AB Chairing</p> <p>GC asked about the appointment of a second Councillor. JF has not yet received a response from Democratic Support. GW clarified that a councillor would usually be agreed at the annual council meeting. The minutes from the last meeting were amended to reflect the fact that the second councillor should be from the local area.</p> <p>PH asked about the effect of rain on the plume from the chimney and the lights on the chimney. Emissions from the chimney are dispersed at 95m and not affected by the rain.</p> <p>GW clarified that the helicopters are not allowed to overfly Barne Barton and are therefore not in danger of colliding with the chimney.</p>	
3.	SWDWP update and residents' concerns	
	<p>This item was moved up the agenda as the SWDWP representative had another meeting to attend and wanted to be available to address residents' concerns.</p> <p>DA noted that he had seen an HGV come out of the Facility and drive up towards St Budeaux square this evening. MT confirmed that this is the route for roll-on, roll-off vehicles from Weston Mill Household Waste Recycling Centre (Weston Mill tip).</p>	

Odour

GW asked whether there had been any further complaints and JF confirmed that there had been 2.

Noise and flies

GC stated that they no longer had any concerns about either of these. It was noted that any noise needs to be reported at the time in order for the source to be identified.

Residents were reminded of the out-of-hours number for MVV: **01752 393155** and the EA hotline number: **0800 807060**

RC noted that there had been an extremely high number of flies at the end of last summer and it was agreed that this should be monitored as the weather warms up. It will be necessary to monitor flies on site and in the local area to establish whether there is a link.

Air quality and emissions

RC asked the EA whether there had been any exceedances. DM confirmed that there had not but there had been one instance of non-compliance in relation to carbon monoxide (CO) levels, which spiked due to a blockage. MT went on to explain that the blockage was a large metal bin which had ended up in the waste and blocked the ash chute.

GW enquired about the cost to the council of bins falling into lorries. MT explained that with 190,000 collections per week, this is bound to happen from time to time.

Dma expressed surprise that there are still people who think the Facility is a health hazard, stating that was his reason for joining the ILC – to better understand the process. CC agreed that people should come and find out for themselves.

The recent ITV news item was discussed and DMA suggested an open day for residents to visit the Facility. This received unanimous support and JF will organise visits.

JF

GW agrees that the Facility should not have been built here but stated that it is here now and is an eyesore. He went on to state that whilst it is not doing us any good, it is not doing a lot of harm either. If there are issues then these should be raised with MVV/JF/SWDWP to be addressed.

Delivery driver training

GC asked what measures were in place to ensure that new drivers are trained properly as the existing drivers will have all received inductions due to the Facility only just opening. JF confirmed that MVV are working with SWDWP to ensure a quarterly education programme is implemented for all drivers delivering to this site.

Other

AB asked what is now being sent to the Dockyard and JF confirmed that all the electricity they need as well as around 20T/hour of steam for heating.

VS asked whether the cars parking at the bus stop on Carlton Terrace

	<p>were workers from this Facility. This is extremely unlikely as there is a staff car park on site.</p> <p>GC acknowledged that the height of the chimney was illustrated at the planning stage but the height of the building itself was not. He went on to ask whether the lights had been added to prevent overshadowing. MT clarified that the lights were a requirement of the planning authority. GW added that the height of the building was also known at the planning stage but public focus had been in the wrong place.</p>	
4.	Any Other Business	
	<p>GW asked what time waste deliveries stop and JF confirmed that the main gates are closed at 7pm, in line with planning conditions.</p> <p>GC asked whether there had been any complaints about traffic and JF/MT confirmed that there had not. GC and CC stated that there didn't appear to have been a noticeable increase in traffic.</p> <p>GW suggested that plans for district heating could be discussed at the next meeting. JF confirmed that high level discussions were underway and GW reported that Affinity Sutton's next round of consultation is due to take place in March/April. MT added that there is interest at Governmental level as well and he has a meeting with PC (MVV) tomorrow.</p> <p>GW mentioned Sheffield as an example; MT clarified that this is mainly for municipal buildings but yes, there is an opportunity here.</p> <p>DMa asked whether members thought a newsletter would be a good idea and expressed an interest in being involved in this.</p>	DMa / JF
5.	Date of next meeting	
	<p>Thursday 26th May 2016 @ 6:30pm Devonport EfW CHP Facility</p>	