



**Devonport Incinerator Liaison Committee Meeting**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Devonport EfW CHP Facility: 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Present**

**Statutory bodies:**

- George Wheeler – GW (PCC)
- Jane Ford – JF (MVV, minutes)
- Ashleigh Sherrell – AS (SWDWP)
- David Mudge – DM (EA)

**Guests:**

- Shelly Monk – SMO (Surplus Rescue)

**Resident members:**

- Alex Battershill – AB
- George Cooke – GC
- Pamela Huson – PH
- Sue Murphy - SM
- David Marks – DMa (Chair)
- Ruth Crawford – RC
- Veronica Smerdon – VS
- Denis Murphy - DMu

ITEM		ACTION
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tina Tuohy (PCC)</li> <li>• Paul Carey (MVV)</li> <li>• Roger Palfrey (resident)</li> <li>• Caroll Cooke (resident)</li> <li>• Jeanette Hipsey (guest resident)</li> </ul>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Actions from previous minutes</b>	
	<p>Awaiting new recycling figures from PCC</p> <p>Awaiting update from TT on street sweeping</p> <p>GW confirmed that PCC’s policy on dog mess is ‘bag it and bin it’, it was noted that general waste bins can be used for this purpose; if no bin is available, then the policy is ‘bag it and take it home’.</p> <p>The post-meeting note and offer from Plymouth Energy Community (PEC) was discussed and two residents confirmed that they had taken advantage of the offer, with all of their light bulbs being exchanged for LEDs free of charge. AB noted that smart meters are now compatible across energy suppliers so there should be no need to get a new one when changing suppliers.</p>	



<b>3.</b>	<b>Outage update</b>	
	<p>JF presented some slides to explain the works undertaken during the recent outage; odour over the final (very hot) weekend was discussed and JF confirmed that the shutdown filter system would be improved in advance of the next outage.</p> <p>AS explained that this was a major outage and the intention is to have one of these every other year, with a minor inspection outage in between.</p> <p>RC commented that there have been a lot of flies around and JF pointed out that this was the case across the country and is due to the hot weather.</p> <p>VS stated that she had experienced odour at her property on the last two Sunday mornings at around 05:15; JF confirmed that there were no unusual activities on site and that no waste is delivered that early.</p> <p>If residents experience odour or any other issues relating to the Facility outside of normal office hours, the control room can be contacted 24/7 on: <b>01752 393155</b></p> <p>GW asked what the solution would be to the odour issue experienced at the end of this outage and JF stated that the carbon filtration would be increased again as it was in 2017.</p> <p>GW asked whether there had been any other complaints and AS explained that the only other justified complaints were associated with an isolated event, specifically the opening of roof vents in the waste bunker, for testing.</p> <p>DM stated that an EA officer had also investigated and detected no odour; officers try to conduct investigations when a complaint is received.</p> <p>SMo stated that on 19<sup>th</sup> June she arrived at work (bottom of Harbour Avenue) to discover an awful smell; upon investigation she discovered a bag of commercial fish had been dumped over the fence. The fish was rotten, crawling with maggots and clearly the source of the odour.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Complaints and actions</b>	
	<p>During the June outage, MVV received 21 odour complaints and 2 noise complaints; the noise complaints were due to a tanker on site during the initial shutting down process and the odour complaints were due to the odour control system becoming</p>	



	<p>overwhelmed over the final weekend of the outage, as well as the isolated event mentioned in 3 above.</p> <p>In order to prevent a repeat of this, MVV will fit enhanced carbon filters to the shutdown fan system ahead of all major outages and will run a higher concentration of odour suppression when opening the roof vents.</p> <p>JF stated that there had been two other events resulting in complaints since the last ILC meeting; one was due to the ID fan tripping on 13<sup>th</sup> March (noise) and the other was due to an unplanned shutdown on 16<sup>th</sup> July (noise and odour).</p> <p>PH asked whether it would help if metals were removed for recycling and JF confirmed that it would but that this is down to individuals and to the household waste sites as there is no pre-sorting of the waste that is delivered to MVV. If drivers are aware of such items in their vehicles, they will inform MVV's staff in the tipping hall and their vehicle can be tipped in the quarantine bay so that any large metal items can be removed for recycling.</p> <p>GW asked about mattresses and AS stated that all of the partner councils have tried to find ways to recycle them but with very little success; when they come into MVV's waste bunker they are mixed in with other waste to avoid too many being fed into the fire at once.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Sponsorship update</b>	
	<p>In the spring round of sponsorship, MVV have sponsored three local projects:</p> <p><u>Horizons Sailing Club</u> A Plymouth charity offering voyages and seamanship training to disadvantaged and disabled young people - <a href="http://horizonsplymouth.org/">http://horizonsplymouth.org/</a></p> <p><u>Widewell Primary School</u> Eco-warriors club for compost bins and a wormery</p> <p><u>Mount Tamar School</u> Green power racing cars for the students to build and then race in local, regional and national competitions (depending on their success)</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>PEC local offer</b>	
	<p>DMA asked whether any members would like to invite PEC to our next meeting but everyone felt that they now had enough</p>	



	information.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p>JF read out a letter from Carole Marks, asking if the ILC would consider moving the start time to 6:30pm so that she can attend after work; this was discussed and it was agreed that the start time should remain as 6:00pm but that guests are welcome to join the meeting part way through. JF will write to Carole to this effect.</p> <p>JF informed everyone that the open day will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 11am to 4pm; there will be a focus on food waste and packaging/wrapping paper/glitter (linking to Halloween and Christmas as times when waste could be significantly reduced).</p> <p>JF stated that MVV will be hosting a Big Bang science fair in December for all of the local special schools.</p> <p>PH asked whether the IBA is being processed at Chelson Meadow and JF confirmed that there are still agreements to be signed and some preparatory works to be done before this can happen.</p> <p>GC asked about the impact of China no longer taking plastic from the UK and AS explained that they are not refusing it but have tightened up their rules on quality; JF added that none of the partner councils send plastic to China anyway so residents should continue to put plastics into their green bins.</p> <p>DMA noted that reusable plastic drinking bottles have been produced for Ocean City Sounds to reduce waste.</p> <p>PH shared a news article which stated that China were not recycling a lot of the plastic sent to them anyway and it was ending up in the sea or being burnt.</p> <p>JF told the group that MVV have supported Plymouth's bid for Plastic-free waterfront status by making three initial pledges to reduce single use plastics across its site; the bid was successful and Plastic-free Plymouth Waterfront status was awarded by Surfers Against Sewage on 9<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>SMo added that in Scotland and the north of England, plastic bottles and aluminium cans can be returned in exchange for 10p; this deposit return scheme is currently operating in Dundee and South Shields.</p> <p>DMA offered apologies as he was unable to attend the litter pick</p>	<b>JF</b>



	and thanks to everyone for attending the meeting this evening.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 6:00pm Devonport EfW CHP Facility  Bi-annual meetings will be held on the <b>third Thursday</b> of the months of January and July at 6:00pm	