

Devonport Incinerator Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: 27th April 2017

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

Present:

Statutory bodies:

- George Wheeler – GW (PCC)
- Jane Ford – JF (MVV, minutes)
- Mark Turner – MT (SWDWP)
- Ashleigh Sherrell – AS (SWDWP)

Resident members:

- Alex Battershill – AB (Chair)
- George Cooke – GC
- Caroll Cooke - CC
- Ruth Crawford - RC
- David Marks - DMA
- David Angove – DA

| ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 1. | Apologies | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Carey (MVV) • David Mudge (EA) • Sarah Taylor (EA) • Tina Tuohy (PCC) • Denis Murphy (resident) • Sue Murphy (resident) • Veronica Smerdon (resident) | |
| 2. | Minutes from previous meeting | |
| | <p>GW requested an addition to the January minutes as a question he had asked had not been noted; under item 3 (member concerns and questions), GW had asked whether there had been any breaches of emissions limits since the last meeting and JF confirmed that there had not – this will be added to the January minutes before publication on MVV’s website, along with a reminder that emissions and ambient air quality data is publicly available in the ‘Links and Downloads’ section of the Devonport area of MVV’s website.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding EA and PPS attendance, it was suggested and agreed that a report would be acceptable rather than requiring attendance at every meeting • GC requested an update on Blackie Woods and JF confirmed that the Big Clean had been a huge success, with approximately 20 local people joining MVV staff across two days to clear litter and larger items of rubbish from the woods, | JF |

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| | <p>meadow and pond areas; two local residents have volunteered to act as wardens, helping to keep the litter down and tackle anti-social behaviour. JF expressed an aspiration for this to develop into a 'Friends of Blackie Woods' group, similar to those found in other woodland spaces around the city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelson Meadow visit and Revised Terms of Reference on agenda • Updated Facility photographs will be taken this year • <i>New bin collections</i> - AB noted that the new recycling leaflets clarify the issue of plastics; GW noted that the collection day for garden waste in the St Budeaux area had changed; PH noted that there had been a story in the paper about a resident being fined for putting the wrong waste out, to which MT responded that five recycling officers have now been recruited by PCC to help with relevant messages and enforcement is the final option; PH asked who makes the decision whether the recycling is clean enough and MT confirmed that it would be the collections team; CC asked whether it would help recycling efforts if there were bins in vulnerable areas such as bus stops, to which MT responded that if there is a justifiable case then it might be considered. It was suggested that someone from the Street Services/Waste team at PCC could be invited to talk to the ILC about messages, strategies and aspirations to raise the recycling rate in Plymouth – MT agreed to arrange this | <p>MT</p> |
| 3. | Chelson Meadow visit | |
| | <p>CC stated that the visit had been a marvellous idea and she had found it both enjoyable and informative; DMA expressed thanks on behalf of the committee to all those involved in organising the visit.</p> <p>AB suggested that it might be educational and of wider benefit to the city to involve the MAP schools in making a video to explain the waste journey; PH confirmed that she is still not sure exactly what happens as the recycling travels through the MRF and MT explained that additional mechanical sorting removes contamination.</p> <p>CC expressed the opinion that it is a pity more people can't be educated as ILC members have been; GC asked whether it is the case that people can't generally visit like our group did and MT confirmed that yes, this is the case – occasional technical visits might be arranged but the site is not geared up for the public.</p> <p>GW suggested that the video idea might be preferable to site visits and JF stated that there is a video on YouTube:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DAk8m7sVM4</p> | |

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| | <p>AB reiterated that in terms of education, working with schools to produce a video could be doubly beneficial although GW maintained that a professional video following the path of recycling from residents' bins to new product might be better; MT stated that PCC are more active in this area and this would be a good question to put to the Street Services/Waste team when they attend an ILC meeting.</p> <p>PH commented that she had seen large bales of recyclables at the end of the visit and queried where they go next to which MT responded that they are sent wherever the markets are so to various places.</p> <p>CC suggested it might make a good post-A-level project investigate and encourage more recycling.</p> <p>GC stated that the visit had been most informative and enjoyable.</p> <p>JF confirmed that Viridor staff had visited the EfW.</p> | |
| 4. | Terms of Reference | |
| | <p>A few minor amendments were made and the revised version was agreed unanimously. This will be put on MVV's website.</p> <p>JF to put the ILC meetings into the 'What's on' section of the Herald.</p> | <p>JF</p> <p>JF</p> |
| 5. | Any other business | |
| | <p>GW asked when the outage would take place this year and JF confirmed that it would be in September; GW queried why this was and JF will request clarification from the Maintenance Team.</p> <p><i>[Post-meeting note: The maintenance outage is currently scheduled at 15 to 18 month intervals as the Facility is so new; as the years go on and the Facility gets older, this will be shortened.]</i></p> <p>GC asked whether there had been any operational issues since the last meeting and AS stated that there had been a short, unplanned shutdown at the end of January (4 days) due to a tube leak, a blockage had caused a 1-day shutdown at the end of March and there was a planned 4-day shutdown in April to allow repairs to the grate and boiler.</p> <p>GC asked where the IBA was being processed and JF confirmed that it is still being shipped to the Netherlands at the moment.</p> <p>GW asked how much waste had been processed in the last 12 months and MT confirmed the figure from 1st April 2016 to 31st</p> | <p>JF</p> |

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| | <p>March 2017 was 247, 210 Tonnes (including SWDWP – council collected – and C&I – privately collected).</p> <p>DMA expressed thanks for the green and white lights in support of Plymouth Argyle and stated that the visit to Chelson Meadow had been a useful and eye-opening experience. He also asked about progress on the newsletter and JF confirmed that it is in progress but will require the new photographs which will be taken this year.</p> | |
| 8. | Date of next meeting | |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">27th July 2017 from 6:00pm Devonport EfW CHP Facility</p> <p>Quarterly meetings will remain on the last Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October at 6:00pm</p> | |