



**Devonport Incinerator Liaison Committee Meeting**

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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

**Present:**

**Statutory bodies:**

- George Wheeler – GW (PCC); arrived 18:20
- Jane Ford – JF (MVV, minutes)
- Ashleigh Sherrell – AS (SWDWP)

**Resident members:**

- Alex Battershill – AB (Chair)
- George Cooke – GC
- Carroll Cooke – CC
- David Marks – DMA
- Ruth Crawford – RC
- Veronica Smerdon – VS
- David Angove – DA
- Denis Murphy - DM
- Sue Murphy - SM
- Pamela Huson - PH

ITEM		ACTION
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Wheeler sent advance notice that he may be detained due to a meeting immediately beforehand</li> <li>• Paul Carey (MVV)</li> <li>• Roger Palfrey (resident)</li> <li>• Tina Tuohy (PCC)</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>Plaistow Hill infants are booked in to visit in March</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Sponsorship update</b>	
	<p>Ambassadors trip to Ghana was a huge success and all of the young people have gone on to engage with new volunteering opportunities, as well as improving their own lives and prospects.</p> <p>The Anti-Litter Alliance have organised three litter picks with good engagement from local residents, PCC and local ward councillors, even venturing out the day before Christmas eve to clear the</p>	



	<p>streets and hedgerows followed by mince pies and entertainment at the Ferry House Inn.</p> <p>CC suggested that larger litter bins might be needed but AB pointed out that this is really an issue for PCC.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Complaints and actions</b>	
	<p>There have been no complaints since the meeting in October and in view of this, members suggested a reduced frequency for meetings; AS pointed out that we could always hold additional interim meetings if required; GC suggested that the committee could meet twice a year, in January and July (which would be after the 2018 maintenance outage).</p> <p>This was proposed by AB and seconded by DM; the proposal was unanimously agreed by the voting members.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Plastic recycling</b>	
	<p>It was noted that China have reduced their tolerance levels for contamination of recycled plastics sent to market; the partnership councils have confirmed that our plastic is not sent to China, so this won't affect which plastics local residents can put into their recycling bins.</p> <p>GC stated that plastic pollution is still a massive issue, especially in our seas and oceans.</p> <p>AB noted that Iceland are going plastic-free; he also asked whether his plastic bag is actually recyclable – AS stated that it is not and JF clarified that if plastic can be scrunched and opens up again then it is not recyclable (the 'scrunch test'); GW pointed out that at least they don't go into landfill anymore.</p> <p>JF noted that during litter-picking activities, the amount of bagged dogs mess is a hazard and asked whether PCC have a policy or preferred course of action; GW to ask Public Protection for advice.</p> <p>GC asked about black plastic food trays and AB reminded the group that we should put all plastic in for recycling and let Viridor sort it out at the MRF as any rejects will come to MVV for energy recovery anyway.</p> <p>DM asked whether the new homes planned for Barne Barton would get heat from the Facility and JF confirmed that it would be an ideal opportunity but talks have not progressed that far yet.</p>	<b>GW</b>



<b>6.</b>	<b>Nominations for Chairman</b>	
	<p>AB has stated his intention to step down as Chairman, having Chaired the group since February 2016; he is happy to remain on the committee. JF thanked AB for his excellent work on behalf of the committee and invited members to nominate themselves or each other.</p> <p>AB offered to ask RP if no-one else was willing to stand; DMA offered to step-up if RP wasn't willing or able; it was generally felt that the role should go to someone present at this meeting.</p> <p>GC proposed DMA as Chairman, seconded by CC; this was unanimously agreed by the voting members present.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p>PH asked whether lightbulbs could be recycled and JF confirmed that they should go for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) recycling at a household waste site – MVV are happy to receive lightbulbs and send them for appropriate recycling.</p> <p>CC stated that PCC are giving out free low-energy lightbulbs to residents in Barne Barton and Weston Mill; JF offered to clarify the offer.</p> <p><u>Post-meeting note:</u>  <i>Plymouth Energy Community (delivering projects on behalf of PCC) are offering energy saving advice and measures to residents in specific areas of the city, specifically, Barne Barton, St Budeaux, Kings Tamerton, Keyham and Devonport; they can be contacted on 477117 and will visit residents in their homes to assess what can be done and offer energy monitors (<b>not</b> SMART meters, which are specific to the individual energy companies), light bulbs and other advice and support. plymouth Energy Community are also involved in city-wide projects to help people lower their energy bills and stay warm in their homes.</i></p> <p>AB has emailed Mark Turner to thank him for his services to the ILC and AS confirmed that this email has been received.</p> <p>AB has installed an additional NO<sub>2</sub> tube by Plaistow Hill school.</p> <p><u>IBA processing at Chelson Meadow</u>  An objection to the planning application from a homeowner was received but AS confirmed that there would be little or no visual difference to the current set-up as the existing shed will be used and processing equipment brought to site 2-3 times a year.</p>	



	<p>DA noted that there would be no difference from this end as IBA has been leaving MVV for nearly three years.</p> <p>GW asked whether homes would devalue but AS confirmed that there had only been one objection on these grounds and that was based on incorrect information.</p> <p>GW noted that it is a positive move to process the aggregate at Chelson as it saves quarrying for virgin or primary aggregate; he asked whether there will be a S106 agreement but JF and AS confirmed that this is a question for the Local Planning Authority as it is not a SWDWP/MVV planning application.</p> <p>GW asked whether recycling is being displaced and AS confirmed that this is not the case.</p> <p>PH asked whether labels should be removed from bottles prior to recycling and AS confirmed that they can be left on; she also asked about shredded paper and again AS was able to confirm that the new MRF can process it.</p> <p>PH suggested that a video of the whole process from collection to reprocessing would be really helpful for educating people and JF confirmed that this is something she has been working towards.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 from 6:00pm Devonport EfW CHP Facility</p> <p>Bi-annual meetings will be held on the <b>third Thursday</b> of the months of January and July at 6:00pm</p>	