

# **Devonport Incinerator Liaison Committee Meeting**

Date: 26th January 2017

Devonport EfW CHP Facility: 6:00 – 7:20 pm

## **Present:**

## **Statutory bodies:**

- George Wheeler GW (PCC)
- Jane Ford JF (MVV, minutes)
- Tina Tuohy TT (PCC)
- 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
- Denis Murphy DMu
- Sue Murphy SM
- Veronica Smerdon VS

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	<ul> <li>Pat Patel (resident)</li> <li>Paul Carey (MVV)</li> <li>David Mudge (EA)</li> <li>Sarah Taylor (EA)</li> <li>Gregg Portass (PPS, PCC)</li> <li>Margaret McKee (resident)</li> </ul>	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting	
	October minutes were agreed.  Actions:  Membership and publication on website – it was agreed that no response would indicate previous attendees were no longer active members of the committee so their details would not appear on MVV's website; the updated list is ready to be uploaded when the Term of Reference are also complete  The operational newsletter is still ongoing  Terms of Reference with suggested amendments to be circulated with these draft minutes	
3.	Member concerns and questions	
	GC requested further clarification on which types of plastic can and can't be recycled; MT confirmed that cling film type plastics	



and ready meal trays were not suitable for recycling but he would seek a more definitive answer. Other members expressed a general wish for a simple message to help people recycle correctly; MT confirmed that the simplest message would be that plastic bottles and clear plastic trays are the most recyclable. GW stated that the more complicated the message, the harder it is for people to know what goes in which bin and surely if the message was 'all rigid plastics go in the green bin' then any rejects would come to the EfW anyway. MT asked whether ILC members would find it useful to visit the recycling centre at Chelson Meadow and there was general AS enthusiasm for such a trip – AS to arrange. TT shared the fact that she had recently bought a jacket believing it to be suede but found it was actually made from recycled plastic; it was noted that there is increasing enthusiasm for finding and choosing items made from recycled materials. GC requested an odour update and JF confirmed that all works had been completed and appear to be effective; MT pointed out that the real test of this will be during the next shutdown; DMa commented that odour had not been noticeable recently. DA noted that waste vehicles now seem to be avoiding St Budeaux Square. GC asked whether the EA have much of a presence on site and JF confirmed that this is indeed the case. DMa noted that there have been significant improvements in Blackie Woods but that litter is an issue as well as dog mess; JF confirmed that the Big Clean in the woods would be held across two days at the start of the school half term break (12th/13th February); DA suggested some signs about dog mess.

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GW asked whether there had been any breaches of emissions limits since the last meeting and JF confirmed that there had not;

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#### 4. Review Terms of Reference

Points for review were discussed and a revised version will be sent out with these minutes for adoption at the next meeting in April.



GW pointed out that EA officers attend regularly but that Public Protection no longer seem to be available; JF clarified that the EA are the regulatory body but PPS will attend if required to respond to specific concerns – they continue to receive minutes. TT asked on behalf of GW whether ILC meetings could be made open to the public and the press; CC pointed out that this was already the case - meetings are advertised on MVV's website and the Herald have been invited in the past. AB expressed some reluctance to invite the press without a specific reason and MT agreed that there might be a tendency to make a story out of nothing. As a compromise, GC suggested that ILC meetings be advertised in the Herald's 'What's On' section. AB stated that numbers at meetings need to be controlled; JF confirmed that guests would need to let her know in advance so JF that they can gain access to site. JF to circulate amended ToR with these minutes. JF 5. Any other business DMa noted a few items: • Expression of thanks to the MVV team for switching the lights to green and white and noted that it had been covered by the Herald; he also received an email from Plymouth Argyle thanking the ILC for supporting the team Suggestion that we hold open days for visitors as well as having school visits - JF confirmed that this is already happening Noted that he has received no complaints from other residents recently • Suggestion to invite local MP Johnny Mercer for a site tour -JF confirmed that he has already visited Reguest for an updated aerial photo of the Facility – JF JF/PC confirmed that this is planned but no date has yet been set (to check with PC) 8. Date of next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 6:00pm Devonport EfW CHP Facilty Quarterly meetings will remain on the last Thursday of the month, starting at the earlier time of 6:00pm