



Devonport Incinerator Liaison Committee Meeting

Date: 26th October 2017

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

Present:

Statutory bodies:

- George Wheeler – GW (PCC)
- Jane Ford – JF (MVV, minutes)
- Tina Tuohy – TT (PCC)
- 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

Guests:

- Roger Palfrey (resident)
- Jeanette Hipsey (resident)
- Tom Williams (resident)
- Margaret Williams (resident)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Carey (MVV) • Denis and Sue Murphy • Pamela Huson • Harriet Deans <p>New guests introduced themselves and were welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting	
	<p>A typo was noted on page 3 and amended.</p> <p>There were no actions arising.</p> <p>There was some discussion of points raised at the last meeting.</p> <p>AB queried whether Plymouth had already achieved a 4-8% increase in recycling and JF clarified that GH-P's comment was that the first quarter was in line with predictions but the target increase has not yet been reached; AS will get figures for this and the MRF reject rate for the next meeting.</p>	AS



	<p>AB asked how safe it is for residents to wrap low energy light bulbs in paper and throw them in the residual (brown) bin; there was some discussion about this and it was agreed that care should be taken but the risk to individuals was very low; GC stated that he places old light bulbs in the box from the new one to avoid them breaking when they go into the bin.</p> <p>AB asked whether there was any news on what would happen to the gold ring found in the waste and JF confirmed that it has been over 18 months since it was found so it is unlikely that anyone will now claim it; in principle, MVV are happy to donate the ring to JH's collection.</p>	
3.	Maintenance report	
	<p>JF informed the meeting that the maintenance shutdown had gone very well and most importantly, from a community point of view, the improvements to the shutdown filters had been successful in controlling odour this year.</p> <p>A full report has been provided to SWDWP and JF summarised the main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaged grate sections have been replaced • Additional areas of the boiler have been coated with Inconel to prevent corrosion • Extensive repairs were carried out to the ash conveyors • A new baffle has been installed at the chimney end of the plant to prevent the resonance which has led to instances of noise disturbance in the past • The turbine is wearing as well as expected with no major issues found <p>AS stated that the shutdown had gone very well.</p> <p>GC asked whether the smoke vents have now been fixed and JF confirmed that this was the case for all but one, which is still weighted down; GW asked whether this was a health and safety issue but JF was able to confirm that it is only one vent out of 56 that is weighted down and it doesn't stop the others from opening.</p>	
4.	Complaints and actions	
	<p>GW raised an odour complaint that he had received from a resident on 20th September which JF had explained was due to the operation of the bale plant; JF confirmed that the bale plant also has to be tested during the maintenance period and that this was just a dry run; AS confirmed that she had witnessed this test and an additional extraction fan will be deployed during future testing to eliminate the odour issue.</p>	



	<p>DA and CC noted that they had noticed a couple of brief incidents of odour but not bad enough to cause a problem; DMA agreed with CC and DA that there had been very brief periods of noticeable odour but he had not received any complaints from residents he is in touch with; JF suggested this may simply be a housekeeping issue that could be resolved immediately if they contacted the control room at the time. As residents didn't realise they could contact the control room, JF confirmed that the emergency number will go straight through and is always manned – this is the number to call out of office hours or if there is an issue that might impact local residents and JF is not available (01752 393155).</p>	
5.	Any other business	
	<p>MW asked about arranging a site visit and JF suggested that anyone interested in seeing the operational areas should come along to the open day next Friday (3rd November), which will also include waste activities, free food, crafts and forest school activities in Blackie Woods.</p> <p>TT stated that one of her fellow councillors had been out canvassing and reported back that lots of residents in the Weston Mill area don't like the lights on the building and want them turned off; a poll of ILC members was suggested, resulting in a unanimous expression of support for the lights; GC stated that the building is actually improved by the lighting scheme; GW pointed out that he believed them to be part of the planning agreement and JF confirmed that they formed part of the architectural enhancements, along with the steel ribs; DMA stated that his family had commented that the lights look like the Northern Lights when it is misty</p> <p>DMA asked whether we would be organising a social evening at Christmas this year but the group felt that most people would be too busy this year.</p> <p>DMA offered to help with the open day and JF would be most grateful to any ILC members who wish to assist on the day but just as happy for people to come along and take part in the activities.</p> <p>GC asked for an update on the sponsored projects and JF was able to confirm that the Ambassadors have just returned from Ghana (photos are on Facebook – Tamar View Community Ambassadors); a report will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Anti-Litter Alliance will be holding their first public meeting on Tuesday 7th November at the Ferry House Inn from 7:30pm; they</p>	JF



	<p>will be focusing on the stretch of Wolseley Road from the Bridge to the Square and encouraging local residents to step up and take responsibility for ‘their’ stretch of road, leading by example and picking litter up rather than walking past.</p> <p>CC raised the issue of litter from the various fast food outlets, which is a problem in both directions from St Budeaux Square; she asked why the road sweepers can’t collect down the side streets, when they are already going along Wolseley Road. TT suggested that this would be an issue for her as a local councillor, rather than for MVV and offered to look into it.</p> <p>RP asked what MVV would do with the electricity and steam they generate if the Dockyard closes; JF confirmed that MVV would still be able to sell electricity to the National Grid but there is currently no alternative customer for the steam, although MVV have not given up on the idea of a wider District Heating scheme of some description and remain in discussion with the council and local landlords about this option for the future.</p> <p>GC asked about the ‘Our Stars’ awards and JF stated that it was a successful event where hard-working council officers were rewarded for their outstanding efforts.</p> <p>DA asked about a specific vehicle which delivers to MVV as it has a Cornwall address on the side; AS explained that this is a haulage company who collect from West Devon and is therefore not driving all the way up from Cornwall.</p> <p>AB asked whether Plaistow Hill infants school had been for a site visit yet and JF confirmed that they had not but they are invited to the open day and a visit will be arranged if the school would like one.</p> <p>AB added thanks to MT for his service to this committee which was echoed by all members.</p> <p>RP would like to become a member of the committee and was unanimously accepted as such.</p>	<p>TT</p> <p>JF</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p>	
	<p>18th January 2018 from 6:00pm Devonport EfW CHP Facility</p> <p>Quarterly meetings have moved to the third Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October at 6:00pm</p>	