

CERC Site liaison group meeting

Thursday 19th February 2009

Kingsley Village, Fraddon

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In attendance:

Rae Wallin – Chair	RW
Sue Wolstenholme	SW
David Buckle	DB
Ian Lobb	IL
John Yeo	JY
Keith Wonnacott	KW
Roy Allsopp	RA
Michael Hill	MH
Mike Davis	MD
Tim Greenwood	TG
Jennifer Ellacott	JE
Sara Roberts	SR

Apologies:

Phil Rudin
Louis de Poncheville
John Bleweet
Julia Clarke

Not in attendance:

Oliver Baines
Alan Trethewy
Ken Rickard
Paul Colman

Introduction

Review of previous minutes

GW to email environmental monitoring presentation to Jennifer Ellacott and Mike Davis.

SITA haven't received any further information from the Advertising Standards Agency.

The group agreed that RITA Greenwood's presentation at the January meeting was very useful.

One amendment to the previous meetings minutes: Topographical modelling refers to the environmental permit and planning application. **Action:** GW to amend.

Primary Care Trust

MD handed SR the Office of National Statistics and Greenpeace reports that are anti EfW.

SR confirmed that the HPA have concerns over the methodology used by Michael Ryan.

The Greenpeace 2001 report has been forwarded to the HPA who have superseded most of the statement – **Action:** SR to check this.

The HPA's Q&As wont be published untio April.

Letter to Ken Rickard

The Chair has received another letter from KR. The Chair responded by saying that he should bring any concerns to the group.

Role of liaison group after planning decision

The Chair raised a concern that some new members hadn't attended the liaison group. A letter needs to be sent to each member of the group after the planning decision to clarify if they still want to be a member on the group.

The group agreed that they will still play a role after planning decision had been made. They will play a different role but a vital one through the construction of the plant and when the plant is operating monitoring the plant. The group may also wish to change the frequency of the meetings.

JY announced that the liaison group has been very worthwhile!

AOB

JY would like to revisit Tregongeeves RTS in the summer to see if vermin/seagulls are present.

Action: GW to progress trip to Grundon EfW in Colnbrook

DB proposed a presentation of anaerobic digestion at a future liaison group meeting.

Autoclave?

KW notified the group that Bristol has vast problems with autoclave technology.

Bordeaux media trip

The aim of the trip was to be transparent.

Stack Balloon

A balloon was raised in St Dennis in February to mark the height of the CERC's stack.

JE was surprised at the tall height of the stack.

60 feet higher than St Dennis church.

RA stated that the stack was very clear from the A30.

It was asked whether the stack will be used for any other purposes e.g. telecoms – this will not be the case.

CERC air quality leaflet

The liaison group decided that the leaflet site had published on air quality needed further amendments before it was circulated within the community. The planning committee are currently being overloaded with information

Sr mentioned that Judy Proctor from the EA has offered to come to a liaison group meeting and speak to the group.

It was suggested that the leaflet was useful for the liaison group but not for the public.

Planning update

Technical meeting has been held and all key environmental consultees have withdrawn or have no objections to the CERC proposals.

Bonfires create more dioxins than an EfW plant because they burn at lower temperatures.

If the planning committee vote favourably for the CERC, it must go to the Government of South West. 21 days to decide if they want to call in the application, it takes about 2 months to prepare all the legal documents

Local concerns & news

The balloon to mark the height of the stack will be raised again on 25, 26 and 27 February as the planners previously promised to raise the balloon for three consecutive days.

There has been an undercover eco warrior in the village sourcing information for the police.

Footpaths

Date of next meeting

It was decided that there was no need for another liaison group meeting until after the CERC planning

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on 19th March

Rita Greenwood, Compliance Manager and Chemist for SITA's energy from waste plant in the Isle of Man presented information about environmental monitoring in an EfW facility.

The topics covered included emission legislation, emission limits, emission exceedences, emission monitoring and recording, emission control, dioxins and total emissions.

The Waste Incineration Directive (WID) outlines the maximum emission levels of an energy from waste plant. All emission levels for the Isle of Man facility are well below WID levels.

If emission limits are exceeded for more than four hours the plant must close down.

It takes 1-2 hours to shut down the facility and 24-48hrs to cool down.

An independent organisation monitors dioxins in soil, milk and crops from 24 monitoring points in the Isle of Man. The size of the sampling area is determined by several factors including geography of area, height of the stack and land use.

RG emphasised that energy from waste is just one of the many sources of dioxins.

It usually takes 3-4 months to commission an energy from waste plant and most plants have a two year teething period.

The Isle of Man facility has EMAS certification. EMAS certification is a management tool for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report and improve their environmental performance. All data must be reported, backed up, independently verified and made public. SITA Cornwall is looking into applying for EMAS certification.

SITA Cornwall is already very heavily monitored by the Environment Agency (EA). They have received about 120 spot inspections from the EA over the past two years. It is likely that the EA will receive live emission data from the CERC.

The visitor centre is a valuable resource at the Isle of Man EfW facility. In 2008 1500 people visited the facility.

Rita extended an invitation to all liaison group members to visit the Isle of Man facility and DB added that anyone who was interested from the group could also visit the Cleveland EfW plant which is soon to have line three commissioned.

Action: GW to ensure all group members receive a copy of the presentation.

Primary Care Trust health monitoring

SR assured the group that the topography of St Dennis was taken into account in the PCT's modelling in the planning application and environmental statement.

Contrary to an assertion made at a previous meeting, SR said that the Office of National Statistics has not published a report which states that there is an increase in infant mortality downwind of incinerators. SR believed that the comment may have referred to a report written by Michael Ryan in whom she reported the Health Protection Agency (HPA) do not have confidence.

The PCT is still working on an incinerator frequently asked questions document and the EA still plans to hold consultation events in St Dennis.

SITA is producing a leaflet to be distributed in the local community which details information from the HPA.

Planning update

DB notified the group that the latest indications were that Cornwall CC was likely to make a decision on the proposed CERC at the end of February/beginning of March.

Letter from Ken Rickard

Ken Rickard had written a letter to the group which addressed further concerns. The group agreed that some aspects of Ken Rickard's behaviour were not in accordance with the liaison group's Code of Conduct. **Action:** Chair to respond to the letter.

Any other business

The liaison group induction meeting had to be postponed.

The group was keen to have more STIG representatives as members.

John Yeo notified the group that he recently visited SITA's refuse transfer station at Tregongeeves in St Austell and he expressed some concerns about the conditions there. LdP added that SITA is progressing planning to redevelop the facility.

Some group members were interested in a trip to the Grundon EfW at Colnbrook near the M25. **Action:** SITA to look into organising trip.

Representatives of the media will be visiting an Energy from Waste facility in Bordeaux on 15th/16th January 2009.

Group members noted that there had been little discussion about the proposed CERC in St Dennis recently. It was agreed that a slot would be allocated to local concerns and news in future liaison group meetings. **Action:** Chair to ensure

The group mentioned that if the CERC was given planning permission, they would be pleased for SITA to operate it.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th February, 7.15pm at Bodmin materials recycling facility.