

CERC Site liaison group meeting

Thursday 27^h November

Kingsley Village

Author: Grace Williams

In attendance:

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| Rae Wallin – Chair | RW |
| Sue Wolstenholme | SW |
| David Buckle | DB |
| Julia Clarke | JC |
| Grace Williams | GW |
| John Yeo | JY |
| Keith Wonnacott | KW |
| Jennifer Ellacott | JE |
| Mike Davis | MD |
| Tim Greenwood | TG |
| Michael Hill | MH |
| Alan Trethewy | AT |
| Ken Rickard | KR |
| Jean Amos | JA |
| Grant Scott | GS |
| Phil Rudin | PR |

Apologies:

Louis de Poncheville
Ian Lobb
John Blewett
Jennifer Ellacott
Lynn Simms
Oliver Baines

Observing:

Jackie Salmon

Introduction

The chair welcomed two new members to the group: Ken Rickard and Jean Amos, as well as Grant Scott, Recycling Manager for SITA Cornwall and Phil Rudin, Operations Manager for SITA Cornwall.

Review of previous minutes

GW handed JY leaflets to recruit more members for the group as it was decided in the last meeting that Treviscoe was underrepresented. JY will distribute them in Treviscoe.

Update on planning application

DB notified the group that SITA are still receiving requests for information from the planning authority and hope to respond by the end of week beginning 1.12.08. These responses will then be up for public consultation. SITA hope to have a decision from the planning committee on the planning application by February 2009.

Amendments to previous minutes

1. Liaison group membership

KR needed clarification on the point 'the group decided that those who spoke at the CCC public planning meeting in September should not be formally invited into the liaison group.' The group decided that every effort had been made to attract anybody

interested, including those who spoke at the meeting, through the adverts and articles that had appeared in papers and local Parish newsletters.

2. AOB: EfW manufacturers

Technical fault with an EfW plant refers to an EfW facility in Kent (EnviroPower)

Agenda items

Tree clearance on the access road

DB reported back on Cornwall County Council's (CCCs) position on the recent vegetation clearance along the access road. The clearance took place in order for a survey for detailed design of the road to be carried out. 95% of the vegetation cleared was gorse but some trees up to 10 inches in diameter were also removed. The trees will be replanted and CCC is in discussion with Imerys about the best location for these.

The work was carried out in accordance with ecological guidance. The ecological survey that has been conducted shows that dormice are only present at Trerice Bridge, vegetation was not removed from this area.

Recycling plastic

GS and PR presented information on recycling plastic. Topics included the recycling hierarchy, the various types of plastic, the plastic we recycle today, reasons against comingled collection and the future possibilities of recycling.

The key points made in the presentation included:

The impact of the current economic climate on recycling

It is important to think of recyclables as commodities which are traded nationally and internationally. The prices of recyclables have dramatically dropped recently, due to the current economic climate and the Olympics. In Cornwall SITA still have outlets for all the recyclables collected and in the New Year the prices are likely to recover – however not to the level they were previously. SITA are in a good position in Cornwall as the material collected is of high quality – there is a 99% recycling rate at the two materials recycling facilities.

Some local authorities export their recyclable materials however the audit trail is not always known.

Recycling a large range of plastics

In Cornwall only plastic bottles are recycled. This is because there is limited processing capacity in the UK for certain plastics which means that outlets to sell them to one day might not be available the next. Therefore materials will end up being stockpiled and could even end up in landfill. So people will be going to all the effort to separate more plastics from their general waste to find that they end up in landfill.

Whether or not the mixed plastic market becomes established in the UK it is important to maximise what we can currently recycle and with only 1 in 3 bottles being sent for recycling in the UK, there is a lot of room for improvement.

Packaging producers should move away from producing plastic packaging which is deemed as non-recyclable.

Bags that paper collected in are recycled but the bags used to collect cans and plastics are not recycled due to the contamination from food.

GS invited any of the group members interested to visit the Bodmin materials recycling facility.

One member of the group was concerned that if we maximise recycling there will be little waste to feed the CERC.

DB explained that last year in Cornwall just over 320,000 tonnes of municipal waste was produced, plus industrial and commercial waste. Need assessments have been carried out for the EfW facility. These indicate that there will be 190,000 tonnes of residual municipal waste in Cornwall needing to be dealt with if the recycling rate reaches the government's recycling rate target of 50% and there is a minimal amount of waste growth. Therefore for the CERC which has the capacity to accept 240,000 tonnes of waste per year, there will be the ability to deal with up to 50,000 tonnes of the industrial and commercial waste stream which currently goes to landfill.

Report back on visit to Pool MRF

JY reported that the visit to Pool MRF transport department was successful. The three group members who participated received good reception from the competent and efficient transport team. JY was confident in the transport which operates with strict disciplinary procedures and vehicle routing.

Parish transport meeting feedback

MD reported back about the meeting the Parish councils of St Enoder, St Stephens and St Dennis had with SITA and WPS transportation. MD notified the group that the meeting was successful.

St Enoder were concerned about the level of traffic at Highgate Hill roundabout. The highways department is still yet to confirm whether they are happy with SITA's traffic plans.

KR was concerned that traffic modelling has not been carried out at the height of the tourist season.

Action: DB to bring traffic figures and modelling to the next CERC SLG meeting.

AOB

Letter from Ken Rickard

The Chair read out the group's response to KR's letter.

KR was certain that TG had told him that there had already been a public enquiry into building an EfW plant at Restowrack Farm , in St Dennis. TG was certain that he had stated to KR that there had been a public enquiry into the Cornwall Waste local plan which confirms there should be an EfW plant in central Cornwall.

KR was concerned about SITA's advertising campaign for the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre. The Advertising Standards Authority is currently looking into the CERC leaflet but SITA are unaware of what is being investigated.

Action: DB to report back his response to the advertising standards authority at the next meeting.

Action: KR to put advertising points in writing to DB.

Media reporting

It was agreed that if KR, or any members would like to go to the media about anything discussed in the group it needs to be agreed by the whole group first.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 12th January 2009, Kingsley Village, 7.15pm.