

Subject:	United Mines Liaison Group meeting	Date:	12/03/09
Author:	Grace Williams	Location:	United Mines meeting room

	Name	Abbreviation	Company
	Stuart Higgins	SH	SITA
	Grace Williams	GW	SITA
	Ian Mitchell	IM	SITA
	Alan Blamey	AB	Gwennap PC
	Les Moulson	LM	Local resident
	Simon Harry	SHa	Environment Agency
	Malcolm Newton	MN	Environment Agency
	Andy Stott	AS	CCC
	Ray Humble	RH	Gwennap PC
	Lynn Carter	LC	Carrick DC
	John Newcombe	JN	St Day PC
	Des Teale	DT	CCC
	Vernon Baldry	VB	St Day PC
	Wendy Reading	WR	SITA Cornwall Trust
Apologies:			
	Louis de Poncheville	LdP	SITA
	Mark Kaczmarek	MK	County Cllr
	Brenda Williams	BW	Local resident
	Paul Williams	PW	Local resident
	Katharine Alexander	KA	SITA
	Carl Martin	CM	Carharrack PC
Distribution:			
	As above		

Next meeting: United Mines landfill meeting room, Thursday 14th May 2009, 6pm

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1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were received as above • One change to the minutes was requested by MN – delete ‘more than’ from ‘The EA was confident that SITA is making more than reasonable endeavours to solve the problems on site’, point 2, operational plan. Action: GW to change, re-circulate and upload onto SITA Cornwall website. • With this change the minutes from the previous meeting were agreed. • SH introduced guest Wendy Reading, Fund Manager from SITA Cornwall Trust. 	SH
2	Operational plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH presented the current United Mines operational action plan which can be viewed on the SITA Cornwall website. Actions include: • Gas wells will be installed on site from 10th April for approximately two weeks. Despite a likely increase in odour during drilling, the procedure aims to reduce the odour in the long term. Everything will be done to minimise odour whilst drilling takes place. Residents will be notified about this through the United Mines community newsletter, letters, the SITA Cornwall website (www.sitacornwall.co.uk) and Parish noticeboards. Action: SH to invite DT to the site whilst drilling is taking place. • 25-30,000m of landfill will be capped this summer. Capping consists of placement and welding of a flexible plastic membrane, a protection layer and restoration soils. The soil is then hydro-seeded to encourage vegetation growth. • All leachate levels are currently compliant. • Waste operations are now taking place in cell 4A. • A report on trials of daily cover is yet to be submitted to the EA • SITA have worked hard to attract soils for cover and restoration – in the past soil has been difficult to attract. JN made SH aware that there was surplus soil behind the St Day housing development. 	SH

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A combination of hawk flying, firing blank rounds from shotguns and a helikite is currently being used on site to control birds. Bird control has also been extended to weekends. IM confirmed that's shotguns have proved to be more effective than pyrotechnics on other sites. • The EA notified SITA that they have received a few comments recently about mud on the road outside the site. Action: SH to explore. • Action: SH to see if logistics department have looked into marking SITA vehicles with 'driven safely'? 	SH
3	Odour complaints summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SITA Cornwall helpdesk received 8 odour complaints in January and 14 in February. One person complained that they could smell the site from Carnmarth, 2 miles away from the source. AS notified the group that odour has the ability to drift long distances along ground contours. • MN confirmed that there are lots of actions being carried out to solve the odour problem and that SITA and the EA will not give up until those complaints virtually cease. SITA and the EA have been receiving complaints a few days late which makes them difficult to act on. • United Mines landfill staff continue to take regular walks and drives around Carharrack to monitor smells. They also investigate and substantiate all complaints received. 	SH MN
4	SITA Cornwall Trust presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Reading, Fund Manager for SITA Cornwall Trust delivered a presentation about the Trust to the group. • SITA Cornwall Trust awards and distributes funds generated through the Landfill Communities Fund to projects that will provide essential social and environmental benefit to communities throughout Cornwall. • The Trust is independent from SITA Cornwall but is funded by landfill tax generated at SITA's two landfill sites in the county. 	WR

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To qualify for funding projects must be situated within 10 miles of a registered landfill site in Cornwall. • The trust receives around £500,000 per year to spend on compliant projects. • Between 1997 and 2008 the Trust awarded £6.2million to Cornish projects. • Where appropriate applicants should be able to demonstrate that there will be an increase in the number of users if the Trust supports the project. • The severity of any landfill disturbance to a project site will be taken into consideration. • Projects should be community driven and demonstrate significant fundraising efforts by the community aside from any match funding. • There are four funding categories: 1. bringing land back into use/reducing or preventing pollution, 2. promoting biodiversity, 3. public parks and amenities and 4. buildings and structures • Generally a maximum of £25,000 is awarded per project. • Recently the Trust has awarded funding to Forder Hall, Hayle Bowling Club, Breage Toddlers Kingdom and Redruth Community Centre. • SCT contact details: wendyreading@btconnect.com. www.sitacornwalltrust.co.uk 01579 346816 • Members of the group confirmed that Carharrack and Gwennap Parish Councils are looking into applying to the Trust for funding. 	WR
6	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW notified the group that the United Mines history group held their first meeting at the end of February which was successful. • GW notified the group that the next issue of the United Mines newsletter will be published and circulated week beginning 16.03.09. • SH made the group aware of the redundancies following some rationalisation of staffing in non key roles and that these were not key operational roles and 	

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		<p>confirmed that the level of service will not be affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW notified the group that the decision on the Scorrier HWRC and RTS planning application has now likely to be made on 30th March. • SH notified the group that a sign has been erected at the entrance of United Mines HWRC to instruct members of the public to secure waste appropriately when transporting it to the site. • AB was anxious for the Bridalway 29 works to be completed. SH notified AB that the soakaways need to be in place first to divert the water through the woods, and that these needed Environment Agency approval. 	