

**Minutes**  
**Redvale Landfill**  
**Community Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Held at the Redvale Landfill Office - Monday 17/05/2021 at 6:30pm**

Welcome: 6:30pm: Warwick Hojem

Present: W Hojem, L Johnston, B Macfarlane, J Hutchinson, B Gibbs, A McNeil, J Jefferis, S Lee, S Walker, M Drury, A Nicholas, D Marshall, S Dryland, K Storie, N De Witte, M Joubert

Apologies:

Absent:

Minutes previous meeting: Circulated

*Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record – B Macfarlane*  
*Seconded – J Hutchinson*

Correspondence In:

- Email from W Hojem. Email trail from S Lee to J Hutchinson (29/3)
- Email from B Gibbs with an amendment to the minutes (30/3) *S Dryland completed*
- Email from A McNeil to W Hojem, L Johnston, S Dryland and B Gibbs raising Benevap noise from the site tour (9/4). This email was forwarded to B Macfarlane by S Dryland and he responded to Andrew, via S Dryland, on 12/4. *Andrew's raised points in this email have been added to the agenda.*
- Email from D Marshall explaining this is her final CLC meeting (12/5)
- Email from W Hojem regarding agenda matters (16/5)

Correspondence Out:

- Email from B Macfarlane to S Lee, W Hojem, J Jefferis and S Dryland regarding Operations Noise, Mobile Plant Reversing Alarms (1/4) *S Lee responds on the same day to thank Blair for the info. Blair's response outlined in "Current Issues" on agenda*

**Matters arising:**

- Unfortunately Bill Kapea was unable to attend the meeting. He sent his apologies and will ensure he does his best to attend the next meeting.
- S Lee responds to "No odour detected" and what this means. She clarified that in order for Council to take appropriate further steps, odour needs to be verified – by either Council or WMNZ. Council sometimes aren't able to quickly verify which is why WMNZ are the best point of contact in the first instance. There was concern people thought "no odour detected" meant their claim was nullified but this isn't the case.
- Odour reporting from Council to WMNZ. Every report they receive goes into a spreadsheet. They report complaints received by them direct to Redvale in real time. Most reports to Council are anonymous. *S Lee to look into providing a Council complaint register.*
- A discussion was held around resident Chris Wills joining the CLC. B Gibbs put forward his proposal and was seconded by S Walker. B Macfarlane strongly opposes this idea as Chris Wills has retired. D Marshall notes a possible conflict of interest as Chris Wills is an ex-employee of WMNZ. Several members suggested that more time was needed to allow more thought and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

- Reformatting the Complaints Register so it's easier to read. S Dryland to switch 2 columns around. B Macfarlane opposed to adding an extra column for "time of response" – happy with how complaints are responded to and recorded, the process is followed correctly. N De Witte mentions the use of an 'odour diary'. B Macfarlane not aware of these being used. N De Witte suggested they could be brought up at subsequent consent hearings. B Macfarlane happy for them to continue but suggests they would be of little value at that point if the applicant had not had the opportunity to respond via the agreed complaints process at the time.
- S Dryland to elaborate on terms used by WMNZ that the general public may not understand in the minutes (i.e. 'fluff layer' = soft waste or residential rubbish bags etc). Include presentations and/or a summary of key points from presentations.
- The need to identify key points for the minute taker would be extremely helpful. Can be difficult at times to identify what is general chit chat and key points to be recorded.
- Benevap noise – B Macfarlane confirms this 'whining' noise was coming from the 'supercharger'. A temporary noise bund has now been built around this and is working well. Noise does not exceed limits at site boundary as surveyed by Marshall Day. B Gibbs agreed that it was pretty bad at one point, but it has since disappeared.
- Update on Benevap consent – this has been submitted and WMNZ will answer any questions from the RMA. There will be involvement from Iwi. Jim confirmed we require Leachate Evaporation after 2028 and consents will need to be applied for post closure operation.
- J Jefferis says a visual of the plume from the Benevap - straight up – would be present during no wind. There is no sulphur in it. J Hutchinson reports that driving through the plume she rates it a "5-6" (gagging/don't breathe).
- Update on Stockpile 4 – consent to be submitted Friday 21<sup>st</sup> or the following week. J Jefferis will send to CLC in advance. Marshall Day have assessed the noise and it is compliant. WMNZ will continue to assess noise and put in any appropriate measures should they be required such as a bund around the perimeter.  
Approx. 500,000 cubes to move with an unknown amount of movement. Will be used for final cover. Stockpile 4 will be moved during the dry season and could be up to 6 days a week. Regular landfill work will still go ahead as normal. B Macfarlane offers a potential temporary access behind Stockpile 4 so an alternative access between Richards Road and Horseshoe Bush can remain for locals.
- Paper Road – still some confusion around if it was sold to WMNZ or not. A few people believe WMNZ just lease it. *S Lee to investigate further with Auckland Transport.*
- Security – W Hojem suggests perhaps bollards could be installed either end of Bypass Rd. Redvale Landfill have had issues in the past of padlocks being cut and vehicles coming in. A Ute spotted driving around with a child in the tray and a dog running alongside. L Johnston notes 4x4's are a problem around Austin Rd area. N De Witte says Bypass Roads should be kept to Auckland Council standard.
- Draft consent conditions for Managed Fill – extend activity till 2028.
- J Hutchinson and N De Witte confirm they attend the Liaison meetings as REPSI representatives.
- There was talk of a separate meeting regarding closure. Vision for the landfill and how it will be used. Generators will keep running until around 2050 and hazardous areas will be closed off to the public.

#### **Complaints:**

- Updated register was circulated.
- A McNeil notes a complaint he made direct to Council is missing. *S Lee to investigate once A McNeil has sent her his complaint number.*

### Operations report: B Macfarlane

- B Macfarlane provides a very brief explanation of B Kapea and Ngāti Rango's vision for closure. However Bill will provide a more detailed explanation when he attends the next meeting.
- Soft waste (or fluff) in new cell.
- Clay cover is on the old cell and eliminates the Western batter.
- Western batter and new final cover areas have been mulched and seeded.
- New T-Bars installed along HSB Rd side.

### General Business:

- B Macfarlane raised 2 recent examples of behaviours from members of the committee which he believes do not align with the intent of providing a well-functioning CLC. The first example was a concern raised by one of his staff members about potentially inappropriate behaviour from a member of the CLC when undertaking investigation of odour complaints at the member's residence. B MacFarlane felt obligated to directly address the issue during the meeting, due to both the importance of maintaining the wellbeing of his staff as well as making sure the other members of the CLC understand the dilemma that potentially inappropriate behaviours from anyone can have on his people. The details of what exactly happened, the intent and motivation of people remain disputed by individuals involved.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> example related to a member of the CLC who raised media speculation that was contrary to information presented to the CLC. The media article questioned the level of consultation about potential health effects on the Dairy Flat school from the new evaporator despite WMNZ already undertaking additional monitoring that was specifically to verify that there was no effect on the school, consulting with the School Principal (as part of the CLC), and having an open forum for members of Richards Road attend the previous meeting and ask questions. WMNZ had already provided information and data to address concerns, and this was being assessed by independent experts on Air Quality from Auckland Council. Previous meetings had discussed the need for good-faith engagement from all sides to assist in carrying out the role of the CLC in the best interest of the community.
- During the discussion of these difficult issues, several members of the CLC decided to leave the meeting,
- Due to the seriousness of the 2 specific issues, as well as the sometimes excessively adversarial nature of some members' conduct from previous meetings, B Macfarlane suggested that a review of the membership of the committee was needed in order to enable it to appropriately carry out its duties described in the Redvale Landfill Resource Consent. The meeting concluded with members of the CLC (who were still present) being left to contemplate the points that B Macfarlane had raised.
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Next meeting date: Aug 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas dinner: Nov 29<sup>th</sup> (TBC)

Meeting closed: 9:27pm

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