

Thursday 17th September 2015 - Minutes

Name of meeting: Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility, Veolia Community Liaison Group		
Date: Thursday 17th September 2015	Time: 6.00pm	Address: RERF Construction site, Newmarket Approach, Leeds, LS9 0RJ
Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucy Wheeler (TCV) Chair• Josie Olivant (Resident)	Observers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Caterer (Veolia)• David Wedlake (Veolia)• Amanda Pitt (LCC)• Paul Dawson - Plincke (Veolia)	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tony Wing (Clugstons)• Neil Webster (Clugstons)• Paul Fowler (Veolia)• Jean Robinson (Resident)• Phillip Robinson (Resident)
Secretariat: Sarah Dawson (Veolia)		
Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome and Apologies2. Minutes3. Progress updates and future works4. Commissioning Overview5. Residents - Feedback from the community9. Community Engagement and Community Fund10. AOB		

1 Welcome from the Chair, round table introductions and Apologies

2 Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and accepted as a correct record.

4 Commissioning Overview by Sarah Caterer, Veolia

Sarah talked through a selection of images showing progress on the construction site since the last CLG meeting in June, which included an overview of the following;

- **Weighbridges**
- **Car parking**

- **Control Room**
- **Tipping Hall and shredders**
- **Admin building and visitor centre**

Sarah outlined the planning stages coming up for both hot and cold commissioning, with the first burn of waste due in late October 2015. Sarah pointed out that visible activities from the commissioning period to residents and those viewing the site would be an increase in steam from the site chimney due to the drying out of the boiler refractory.

5. Residents - Feedback from the community

Resident JO said that she had not heard of any negative comments from the community, and there had been very little activity about the site on social media forums such as Facebook at present.

9. Community Engagement and Community Fund

£1400 allocated during 2015 so far.

Resident JO enquired about the remaining funds. DW said residents could submit their requests for any applications for funding to the General Manager, Paul Fowler. All requests for funding will be considered and are welcome.

10. AOB

Resident David Mackie submitted a range of questions in advance of the meeting which were answered by those present.

These were;

To find out about the main role of HR in presentation (training and development, appraisal)

- Unions
- Living wage
- Responsiveness to employee requests.
- Veolia contact on satellite routing/fuel efficiency
- TCV project near Saxton.

DW responded that Veolia's HR department had already been in contact with the union Prospect and employees were freely entitled to join the union. Employees are able and encouraged to air their views via the employees forum. DW said all employees were able to raise any work issues they had directly with their line manager and were encouraged to do so in relation to requests. DW also confirmed that Veolia are a living wage employer.

DW stated there was no Veolia contact for satellite routing as this is not something which the RERF will have. LW confirmed the nearest TCV project near Saxton is Skelton Grange and they will be holding an open day on October 3rd.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Date of next meeting

Thursday January 28th 6pm. Site visit with tour at the RERF site on Newmarket Approach.