

| February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

Name of meeting: <b>Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility, Veolia Community Liaison Group</b>		
Date: Thursday February 4 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Time: 6.00pm	Address: RERF Construction site, Newmarket Approach, Leeds, LS9 0RJ
Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lucy Wheeler (TCV) Chair</li><li>• Josie Olivant (Resident)</li><li>• David Mackie (Resident)</li></ul>	Observers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Philip Turpin (LCC)</li><li>• Daniel Pearson (Veolia)</li><li>• Paul Fowler (Veolia)</li></ul>	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Wing (Clugstons)</li><li>• Neil Webster (Clugstons)</li><li>• Jean Robinson (Resident)</li><li>• Phillip Robinson (Resident)</li><li>• Jeanne Wilding (Resident)</li></ul>
Secretariat: Sarah Dawson (Veolia)		
Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome and Apologies</li><li>2. Minutes</li><li>3. Progress updates and future works</li><li>4. Commissioning Overview</li><li>5. Residents - Feedback from the community</li><li>9. Community Engagement and Community Fund</li><li>10. AOB</li></ol>		

**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 Paul Fowler and Daniel Pearson, Veolia**

Paul Fowler and Dan Pearson talked through a selection of images showing progress at the RERF since the last CLG meeting in September, which included updates on the following;

- **Commissioning timescales**
- **Turbine and exporting of electricity to the grid**
- **Completion of the living green wall and landscaping**
- **Admin building and visitor centre**

## **5. Residents - Feedback from the community**

Resident JO said that she had heard a few comments posted on social media site Facebook about 'black smoke' coming out of the RERF chimney recently. PF stated that diesel burners were in place prior to the acceptance of waste to dry out the inside of the boiler. PF explained that this was normal practice and only temporary for a few days and would not happen again now the plant is operational.

DM commented that he thought external signage would be needed so visitors are clear on the right entrance to the site. PF said this would be in place after the commissioning period. He added that the facility is designed to separate out waste delivery traffic from visitors and staff parking. DM also commented on what he thought was a pothole on the entrance to the site as he walked to the meeting, DP said he would investigate this straight away.

## **9. Community Engagement and Community Fund**

SD explained that community projects with insect conservation group, Urban Buzz, were being set up for later in the year. Habitat boxes on the living green wall are now in place and are designed to encourage insects and other wildlife into the area. The project with Urban Buzz will start later in the year as they move their scheme from York to Leeds.

PF confirmed that the total amount of the Community Fund between various groups including the Veolia Environmental Trust was £25,000. Any requests for funding applications are to be sent to the General Manager, Paul Fowler. All requests for funding will be considered and are welcome. DM asked if funding would be available for a variety of projects, including for planting at Saxton Gardens, PF said this would be considered as part of a formal application process.

## **10. AOB**

Resident DM raised a question regarding satellite routing with regards to waste vehicles and PF confirmed that this is not something Veolia do. PT confirmed that the Satellite routing is provided for at the council and DM said he would submit further questions to the council about this by email.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 6.45pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6pm.

