



Thursday May 26th 2016

Name of meeting: Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility, Veolia Community Liaison Group		
Date: Thursday May 26 th 2016	Time: 6.00pm	Address: RERF, Newmarket Approach, Leeds, LS9 0RJ
Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucy Wheeler (TCV) Chair• David Mackie (Resident)• Amy Bhava (Resident)	Observers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amanda Pitt (LCC)• Paul Fowler (Veolia)• Sarah Dawson (Veolia)	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeanne Wilding (Resident)
Secretariat: Sarah Dawson (Veolia)		
Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome and Apologies2. Operational overview3. Residents – feedback from the community4. Community Engagement and Community Fund5. AOB		

1 Welcome from the Chair, round table introductions and Apologies

Minutes

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

2 Operational overview by Paul Fowler, Veolia

Paul Fowler gave an overview of operational activity at the facility, including a recap of the commissioning process and key handover dates. PF explained that the facility is now being fully operated by Veolia as construction and commissioning were now complete.

PF explained key development for the future of the RERF including details on the new paper processing facility which has now been given planning permission just north of the current RERF site. The facility will process extracted paper and card from the RERF's pre-treatment process.

PF also detailed the potential in the future for a District Heating Network and explained how this could use hot water from the RERF's energy recovery process to heat up council-owned and commercial buildings in the future. PF confirmed this was being developed in partnership with Leeds City Council and PF will update the CLG group with further details at the next meeting.

3. Residents - Feedback from the community

Resident DM commented that he felt more signage was needed on entrance to the RERF, including reception. PF responded that more signage will be in place shortly for pedestrians and cyclists. DM

also made a number of suggestions on engaging with the local community and asked if Veolia could support large-scale projects beyond offering financial support in the future. PF explained this could be a possibility and were very keen to work with the community, however project management and staffing of such large-scale projects could be a potential barrier.

4. Community Engagement and Community Fund

PF said Leeds City Council and Veolia were currently establishing the final stages of its application process for its Community Benefit Fund. PF encouraged those who want to apply for funding to contact him.

5. AOB

Resident DM suggested Veolia may want to look at the London Benchmarking Group Framework, which looks at measuring corporate community investment. <http://www.lbg-online.net/>

DM also mentioned Veolia was a finalist in the 'Responsible Business of the Year Award.' <http://www.bitc.org.uk/our-resources/case-studies/veolia-responsible-business-year-award>

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 7.15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 6pm and will include a tour of the facility.