

Inkerman Project

Minutes of meeting held on 29th August 2019

Meeting commenced 1745

Attendance: Alan Headon, Danielle Mudge, Lloyd Mudge, Richard Pain, Tony Williams, Marian Lang, Tom Gallasch, Terry Cundy, Cr Terry Williams

Apologies

Olga Ghiri, Garry Geuenich, Jill Stewart (received directly from Jill), Kelly Westell.

Facilitator: Barbara Chappell

Minutes: Brenton Chappell

Meeting Opening

Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked Cr Terry Williams for attending in place of Cr Rankine while he is on leave; and announced that Kelly Westell will now be attending the meetings as the staff representative from Wakefield Regional Council (*note: Kelly sent an email through the afternoon of the meeting to advise that unfortunately she was unable to attend the meeting, and she was looking forward to meeting everyone at the next one*).

Previous minutes

Motion

That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Moved** Alan. **Seconded** Lloyd. **Carried**

Actions Arising from the Minutes

- Tom advised the changed landform application had been processed and DPTI gave final approval for the changes. The SA Government Gazettal notice is available online:
https://governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/public/documents/gazette/2019/August/2019_037.pdf
- EPA continue to monitor Mudge Road. No cameras at this time are on this road. Recently rubbish has been dumped and appears to be a recurring issue. Malakoff School Road has rubbish being dumped as well similar to Mudge Road. EPA will continue to monitor dumping in the area and has distributed NSW Illegal Dumping Handbook to local councils so there can be a combined effort to deal with this problem. Group members continue to keep an eye on things and can report to EPA if they have any information on illegal dumping.
- Information about the group and the landfill has been distributed through the Port Wakefield newsletter and the Avon Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AvonCommunitySA/>
- Hardcopies of the complaints form and the question and answer sheet about the changes to the landform were given to group members at the meeting for distribution to community members.
- In response to the request for ideas on how to get information from the group out to the community, the facilitator will put in a request to Olga Ghiri (Cleanaway) to place a small ad in "The Producer" after each meeting to let people know the highlights and where to find more info on the ILCRG webpage.
- Cr Rankine organised the posting a link to the ILCRG webpage on Councils website. It can be found under the Support for Residents menu and the heading Waste and Recycling.
<http://www.wrc.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=711>
- Cleanaway staff continue to monitor cat numbers on the site.

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- The site tour to see the new nets around the landfill site took place before the meeting. Tom and Terry explained how they had been set up and how they are designed to capture the waste and contain it on the site.

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Update from Cleanaway

- Tom thanked the group for recent support on landform changes.
- Revegetation is being investigated with a five-year plan in mind. New initiatives being undertaken include the active management of pest plants (specifically African box thorns and artichokes) within the site footprint and targeted revegetation on boundary locations where additional vegetation will improve visual amenity. Succession Ecology are beginning this work immediately.
- Litter nets tour on site was a chance to show the group members how extensive they are; how they work; and how they can be moved if required.
- Additional landfill cell construction is unlikely to be required before 2023 due to available airspace in existing operational stages.

Comments in Discussion

Lloyd commented that the fencing around the site is excellent and an improvement on previous times.

Terry advised that complaints from residents had gone from 23 during 2018 down to 1 so far in 2019. This one complaint was related to odour which indicates off-site litter issues have significantly declined.

Richard asked if the illegal waste from Veolia had made its way to Inkerman? Tom (Cleanaway) and Tony and Marian (EPA) commented on the media speculation in relation to the illegal waste dumping situation.

Processing of waste dictates transit routes that are utilised nationally and transboundary systems are in place to track these movements. EPA was not approached about disposal at Inkerman. Disclosure on the fate of the waste from Veolia is still to be identified and advised.

SKM are under administration with kerbside recyclables being stockpiled in Victoria, Tasmania and a lesser amount in SA. The SA Environment Minister has stated that all the materials need to be recycled. Newspapers have been identifying Inkerman landfill in reports but details of how, when and where are not known at this stage and the EPA has not been considered any exemptions for this waste to go to landfill. Kerbside aggregated recyclables would need an exemption from the EPA to be able to be landfilled as per the Environment Protection Waste to Resources Policy 2010. Tom advised legislative constraints prevent Cleanaway from accepting kerbside co-mingled recyclable waste materials at Inkerman.

Action: EPA press releases to be made available to the group

EPA Update

Normal compliance looking good.

Restructure of EPA happening currently. Around 10% of staff reductions have occurred.

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Community Update

- All fairly quiet at this time.
- Jill requested some community education for members of the community who have been having informal discussions regarding issues and problems about recycling of domestic waste and the confusion of what goes where, especially with different plastics. Many people in her area have no pickup or only one bin.

Comments in discussion

There was agreement that community education in the recycling of domestic waste is needed in general for communities. Cleanaway, EPA and Council are all involved in community education of this kind in one way or another.

It is worth considering multiple ways of providing information including written information, workshops, information sessions and on-line information such as Council and KESAB websites.

The three organisations will look into what and who they have available to provide community education sessions and report back to the group about what might be possible to organise.

Action: How community education in recycling of domestic waste might be delivered and who will deliver the education.

Wakefield Council Update

Cr Rankine organised the posting a link to the ILCRG webpage on Councils website.

Council rates impacted by decisions not to transport recycled materials overseas any longer. Councils had to find additional funds to deal with recycling of materials because the decision came at a time when the annual budget had already been set.

New Business

Community education on how to recycle submitted by Jill. See Community Update section of minutes.

Summary of Actions

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Next meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for 21st of November.
- Frequency of meetings to be reviewed at November meeting. Currently 4 per annum. Consider moving to 3 per annum as an option.

Meeting closed 1850.