



Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Wednesday 23 May, 2018
Woodlawn Bioreactor Conference Room

Minutes

Opened: At 5:30 pm

Present:

Gill Shepherd (Chair)	Cr D Sturgiss (GMC)
Henry Gundry (Veolia)	Andrew Lawry (Heron)
Brian Hearne (Heron)	Keith Hunter (Community Rep)
Neil Shepherd (TADPAI)	Cr Margaret O'Neill (GMC)
Scott Martin (GMC)	Vanessa Toparis (Veolia)
Wayne Taylor (Heron)	

Apologies: Cid Riley, Judy Alcock (TADPAI) Des O'Sullivan (Heron)

Observer present:

Adrian Ellson – TADPAI Observer

Welcome: The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Neil Shepherd asked if the names of staff involved in the local RFS brigades (listed in matters arising) were raised at the previous meeting. As they had not, Henry agreed to remove them from the minutes.

Neil Shepherd – requested a reference of the intent of the road condition upgrades and approvals to use the designated roads, requested minutes be amended.

Gill Shepherd noted that a few grammatical errors needed to be amended.

Reviewed by all and accepted

Neil Shepherd, moved apologies, and minutes accepted, Cr Sturgiss seconded.

Matters Arising:

- In regard to the local Tarago and Taylors Creek RFS brigades becoming better acquainted with the site, Henry advised Veolia employee Des Kingston has organised a bus tour around the Woodlawn site including the MBT for this weekend.
- Neil Shepherd stated there was only one approved route for trucks from Canberra region, along the Bungendore Road.



Woodlawn Operational Update:

WBE Generation

- Henry reported it was the best generating year to date, 14,018 Megawatt hours
- Within the power station two engines have reached end of their life and will be replaced by the end of 2018.

Waste Tonnage Disposal Data (YTD end April)

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| - Sydney to Bioreactor (Clyde/Banksmeadow) | 210,974t |
| - Local Waste Volumes | 18,280t |
| - MBT (Residual to Bioreactor) | 29,039t |
| - Sydney to MBT (Clyde/Banksmeadow) | 39,702t |
- Henry reported another lift was almost completed across the bioreactor site. Was now approximately 100 metres deep. Based on current inputs have 42 years remaining to complete filling the void.
 - Cr Sturgiss asked when calculations were done, was compaction taken into account. Henry said it was.
 - Cr O'Neill asked how Clyde was going. Henry replied it was going well, was under capacity at present, and has taken advantage of the reduction in waste to replace one of the main compactor units

Leachate Treatment Project Status

- Plant is progressing well. All ground civil works are done, shed is built, and filtration equipment is being assembled. Construction of a 150ML to store the effluent of the plant has begun
- Plant must be completed by the end of September 2018. Veolia is required to give monthly construction updates to the EPA.

MBT Update

- Process has had some challenges. Have had issues with main drums that involve some major repairs. Throughput has been reduced by 25% over past month. Veolia is still managing defects on the build.
- Henry reported 10-12,000 tonnes of compost was ready for the final screening process and is in discussion with Heron regarding utilising the compost.

Odour Management

- Henry reported the site had received six complaints since last community meeting (February 21 2018) through Veolia feedback system and EPA.
- Gill Shepherd asked about the recording process when Veolia receives an odour complaint via phone. Henry said the process was the same as a written complaint. Gill said she had made a complaint which was supposed to be recorded on the register within seven days, which had not yet been published on the register. Henry said he would follow up with this matter and report back to Gill
- Cr O'Neill stated the odour issue had improved a lot over the years. Henry agreed, saying the issue had improved significantly since 2016. The process of managing the



odour is challenging, and the company has invested heavily in technology and other strategies to mitigate the issues

- Neil Shepherd asked whether The Odour Unit, which had conducted an audit at the site recently, would come to present their findings. Henry replied that he would make the request to the auditors over the coming months.

Train Management

- Henry reported Veolia had lodged an application for the Tarago siding on behalf of Transport NSW through Infrastructure NSW. The project involves upgrading the crossing loop to allow for a larger train to be parked. This project will allow Veolia to return to the two services, instead of the shuttle arrangement of the second train from Sydney. Veolia had not received any information from Transport for NSW about the status of the project. Henry will keep committee informed of any progress.

Tarago Village Plan

- Henry reported feedback on the plan was due by March 2.
- Elton had provided the final draft plan to Veolia today. All feedback has been incorporated and the plan amended. Elton was seeking clarification on the dump point funding from Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC).
- Keith Hunter advised TADPAI had written to GMC two weeks ago to say a dump point was not required nor wanted. Keith said GMC had said to locate the dump point at the showgrounds would have required reducing the speed on Braidwood Road.
- Henry said the implementation options for the plan were being considered. The establishment of a steering committee, as per the Marulan Village Plan, was one option.
- Scott Martin said the Marulan Village Plan was developed on the back of TVP. In regard to implementation, Scott said various consultants propose things differently.
- Henry said the final plan would be published on website shortly.
- Keith Hunter asked whether there would be a handover of the plan before any presentation. Keith said residents were confused last time the draft plan went on the website. Keith said he had received no feedback on whether his comments have been on accepted or otherwise. He said a presentation to the committee should be held prior to it being accepted. Keith said he expected a number of his comments would not be in the plan and he accepted that. He expected the courtesy of talking to the village first before the plan was adopted. Henry stated that he would take this up with the Trust.
- Henry said the Trust was continuing to process grant applications as per the usual process and he was aware a major Tarago project had recently been approved for funding by the Trust.
- Keith Hunter reported the Tarago Men's Shed project was progressing well, with the DA due to put to GMC in June. The Men's Shed would then be submitted to the Trust.
- Henry advised there were two local issues which had arisen from the Plan's development which he, as the Woodlawn Facility manager, was commencing preliminary investigations into to determine whether Veolia may be able to assist in resolving.



- The first was providing a domestic waste service for Tarago and surrounds. Henry reported he had met with Grant Moller and Teena Riley at GMC to discuss options and he was keen to progress this. Cr O'Neill asked whether it would be only for Tarago village or the surrounding area. Henry said he had a map of the potential service would include some of the surrounding district.
- Secondly, access to public transport was raised as a recurring issue throughout the consultation and Henry was considering whether the Veolia bus might be able to be utilised as a potential bus service from Tarago into Goulburn and return one day per week. Henry suggested this could start as a trial.

General business

- Keith Hunter said the Tarago Men's Shed members would like to do a tour of Veolia, possibly in July, with approximately 20 people attending. Keith said they were undertaking a tour of the Heron facility in June. Henry said he was happy to facilitate.
- Keith Hunter said members of Tarago Men's Shed would be interested in sending participants along to any first aid training which might be undertaken at either at Woodlawn or Heron if possible.
- Gill Shepherd said this would be the last meeting for this current committee under this format. Henry will be calling for nominations shortly for new representatives and will move to CCC format. Gill asked how Veolia (and Heron) would advise the community and advertise for new members. Henry replied that he would review the guidelines as to procedure and consult with Heron.

Meeting closed 6.06 pm

Next Meeting – Wednesday 15th August 2018 – 5.30pm