

## Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday 17 November 2009

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30 pm

Location: site tour – WSN Macarthur Resource Recovery Park

Item	Issue	Action	By
	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>KP</p>		
1.0	<p><b>Meeting Notes</b></p> <p>Notes of the meeting held on 28 July 2009 accepted without change</p>		
2.0	<p><b>Business Arising</b></p> <p>Introduction of attendees</p>		
3.0	<p><b>Update on Operational and Environmental Matters</b></p> <p><i>RM tabled the Jacks Gully Waste and Recycling Centre Operations &amp; Environmental Update for August to October 2009, and provided a verbal overview)</i></p> <p>There have been 23 odour complaints. The source has been consistent, and follows the stormwater drainage system. It could be caused by a number of things. If the winds are southerly the origin of the problem is potentially on the WSN site. The MRRP site is having problems with its weather monitoring system at present but the data collected over this period will be added retrospectively. A number of the complaints come from the same address. WSN understands this is having an effect on the community and has put together a Current Controls report in response to issues raised by members. WSN was hoping to talk to community members tonight but unfortunately not one member is present.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> KPB to add Current Controls to agenda of next meeting</p> <p>Discussion regarding capture of electricity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a 2 megawatt cap on electricity allowed by Integral Energy, even though WSN has the capacity to generate more</li> <li>• Infrastructure to deliver the gas to Integral Energy is not the problem</li> <li>• Some flaring of gas is still being done</li> </ul> <p>GG noted that this was a bit of a waste</p> <p>FA enquired whether there was any way that gas produced could go to AGL</p>	KPB	Next meeting

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4.0	<p>WSN responded that the gas produced on site is a different composition.</p> <p><b>Community Feedback on Odours</b></p> <p>RM reported that a fractured rock had meant that methane was escaping, but this has been covered over. Odour has mostly been contained within the lower levels of the site and has not gone over the boundary. Odour monitoring shows the levels to be within the licensing requirements for landfill</p> <p>GG commented that odour levels recorded as being within the boundary of the site belies the fact that odour is having an impact on the community, and that monitoring just provides a snapshot of odour problems</p> <p>BB responded that surface gas emissions of methane, hydrogen sulphide and ammonia are regularly checked each month by the EHS Group. The plant and the EHS Group also carry out daily odour patrols.</p> <p>FA enquired whether WSN was able to trace the complaints to something on site</p> <p>RM responded that on occasion this was the case. In the past complaints were waylaid by DECCW and the EPA but now that the process was going to be more straightforward it would be easier to trace complaints</p> <p>FA commented that in the past manager Scott Hagan had offered to collect complainant early in the morning before they went to work and transport them to the site to identify the odour.</p> <p>SB responded that this practice was continued in response to a spate of complaints. SB described responding to a call and collecting the complainant at 8.45am. Arrived on site within 15 minutes but the smell had already dissipated. However the community member had seen a good reaction from WSN</p> <p>FA commented that if community members were not willing to come to the site to identify odours that possibly the complaints were not bona fide, or not necessarily bad enough to warrant a visit.</p> <p>SB noted that there had not been any feedback regarding the offer to take complainants to site</p> <p>FA noted he had made an offer to the community to take complainants to site. Asked if the odours were different to those before the installation of the Alternative Waste Treatment facility WSN responded that the odours are different</p> <p>FA reminded members that the Department of Health conducted studies in three areas and the findings were that there was no difference in the health of each of the communities in those three areas. FA felt that the study disproved that the odours could be injurious to the health levels of the communities in the area. If the odours are essentially the same FA wondered whether the findings should be reprinted, noting that people will always complain if they feel their health is being affected</p>		

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5.0	<p>SB noted that emotion also comes into play, especially if an affected community member is trying to sell their property</p> <p>FA noted that odour problems are often a lifestyle thing rather than a health issue</p> <p>GG noted that there was little likelihood of showing any health link unless somebody suffered an allergic reaction</p> <p>RM noted that the majority of complaints are about smell – people don't say they're feeling sick</p> <p>GG commented that odour levels are unpleasant and undesirable in a residential area, it's as simple as that</p> <p><b>Camden Soil Mix Update</b></p>		
6.0	<p><b>Other Business Arising</b></p> <p>It was decided that to enable councillors and council employees to attend CAC meetings, meetings would be held on a day other than Tuesdays from the beginning of 2010.</p> <p>JP handed out copies of an article which was published in The Land on 1 October 2009</p>		
7.0	<p><b>Actions Update</b></p> <p>KAP and KPB to follow up with government agencies to determine most appropriate contacts and invite them to attend</p> <p><b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p> <p>WSN to report to the group in a month's time on the strategy to promote the 1800 number.</p> <p>JP gave update on 1800 number – calls are to be put through directly from DECCW and the EPA to WSN. WSN is unconvinced that signage would be very useful and there may be issues with Council approval</p> <p>GG commented that Council would accept signage if its purpose was to inform the community rather than to advertise WSN</p>	<p><b>KAP, KPB</b></p>	
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	<p>JP to advertise WSN Grassroots Community Grants Program to members of the CACs</p> <p><b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p> <p>KPB to remind all members to wear sturdy shoes to site tour</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>KPB</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>When appropriate</p> <p>Prior to meeting in November</p>
	<p><b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p> <p>JP to send map of site with departure point to KPB to send to members</p>	<p>JP, KPB</p>	<p>Prior to meeting in November</p>
	<p><b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p>		

<b>Next meeting:</b>	<b>3 March 2010, 7 – 9 pm</b>
<b>Venue :</b>	<b>Mt Annan Community Cottage, 351 Welling Drive, Mt Annan</b>

	<b>Action summary</b>		
3.0	KPB to add Current Controls to agenda of next meeting. (RM suggests this is not necessary as it is covered in the environmental update)	KPB	Next meeting
7.0	KAP to check whether SW is satisfied with the new 1800 number arrangement and conclusion regarding signage	KP	Next meeting