

Veolia Energy Recovery Facility, Battlefield Community Liaison Group

Notes of meeting

Date 21st October 2014
Time 6.00pm
Location Clugstons Offices, Battlefield, Shrewsbury.

In Attendance

Cllr Vernon Bushell (VB) – Chair
Joan Hughes (JH) – Senior Citizens Forum/Townswomens Guild
Jeremy Jagger (JJ) – Battlefield 1403
Graham Lewis (GL) – Uffington Parish Council
Steve Mitchell (SM) – Veolia
Donald Macphail (DM) – Veolia
Simon Ganley (SG) - Veolia
Hilary Hampton (HH) – Veolia
Miles Nichol (MN) – Veolia
Phil Lucas (PL) – Veolia
Christy Robinson (CR) – Veolia
Walter Hodgson (WH)– Clugston
Jon Philpin (JP) – Environment Agency
Mark Foxall (MF) – Technical Support and Projects Manager
Grahame French (GF) – Planning Manager, Shropshire Council

Apologies

Wendy Churchill (WC) – Senior Citizens Forum/Allotment Association
Mal Price – Shropshire Cllr (Battlefield Ward)
David Haston (DH) – Haston Reynolds
Neil Thompson (NT) – Environment Agency
Larry Wolfe (LW) – Head of Waste Management, Shropshire Council
Lynne Padmore (LP) – Uffington Parish Council
Owen Evans (OE) – Bomere Heath Parish Council
Helen Booth (HB) – Uffington Parish Council
Peter Bettis (PB) – Shrewsbury Business Chamber
Andy Bond (AB) – Environment Agency

1 WELCOME AND REFRESHMENTS

Meeting commenced at 6:07pm

2 INTRODUCTIONS		
	VB welcomed those in attendance.	
3 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING		
	No amendments to previous meeting minutes. Many thanks to HH for arranging visit to Staffordshire W2R.	
4 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT		
	<p>Construction progress presentation from MN.</p> <p>Site aerial photograph used as site overview. Cladding has commenced of the tipping hall. Curved roof will become the green roof planted with Sedums.</p> <p>Fire tank at north end of the transfer station to be connected to main ERF buildings.</p> <p>Weighbridges have been installed. Next item to lay roads required prior to delivery of waste.</p> <p>16th September – electricity connection made live.</p> <p>Busy time November – January 2015. Preparing for commissioning and testing. MN explained the commissioning process that has three main phases</p> <p>1. Refractory Drying The furnace refractory cladding will be dried by burning fuel oil. This is scheduled to take place in December – exact date to be determined.</p> <p>2. Steam Blowing This process is required to clean all internal pipework that joins to the steam turbine. Between 8 – 20 steam blows expected dependent on ease of cleaning the pipework. The procedure utilises a silencer to minimise noise and is expected to take place in the morning and late afternoon. Video example of Newhaven ERF steam blowing process shown – no issues/complaints for this process. Same process recently undertaken at Staffordshire ERF where no complaints were received.</p> <p>MF Do you anticipate noticeable noise? Confirmed there will be some noise from this process but is situated in location to minimise noise levels at site boundary.</p>	

	<p>3. Commissioning Waste will start to be burnt as part of the steam blowing process and continue to be used through the commissioning period when further tests of the facility will be undertaken.</p> <p>Staff Recruitment SG provided summary of staff recruitment including description of organisation chart. All staff recruited – 11 undergoing training 5th November.</p> <p>New recruits are currently undergoing operational handover/classroom training and on site/off site training with CNIM.</p> <p>95% of staff recruited locally (within 35 mile radius). Veolia have deliberately recruited a young but experienced enthusiastic team including some ex-naval staff. Total number of staff for the site will be 21. At any one time there will be 7 members of staff on site during the day and 2 members of staff on site during nights, with other staff available on call during the night.</p> <p>JP – any skill sets missing/need to focus on?</p> <p>SG – water testing – Veolia water visit ERF’s and test but there currently isn’t a local employee with direct chemistry knowledge to assist.</p> <p>JP – Do you have a support network of skilled staff?</p> <p>SG - Yes we have other ERF’s and a central technology support team. We have regular meetings with technicians and have a central maintenance services team.</p> <p>JP - The Quality Health Safety and Environment structures are still the same?</p> <p>DM – yes.</p>	
5 COMMUNICATIONS		
	<p>HH confirmed al leaflet will be sent to local residents before refractory drying commences to ensure residents and businesses are kept up to date. 5,500 leaflets printed.</p> <p>Public Art Scheme On Friday 17th October the artist’s brief was published requesting submissions of outline designs. 20 enquiries have been received to date. Closing date 30th October. Veolia would like to create a shortlist of 4 artists that would then present detailed designs to a selection panel.</p>	

	<p>Selection panel discussed agreed if possible include GF and VB on panel. Chosen artist expected to be informed before Christmas.</p> <p>Veolia confirmed scheme and all associated costs will be met by Veolia with no costs incurred by Shropshire Council. HH confirmed national and local responses received.</p> <p>HH to meet with JJ to find out more about Battlefield 1403.</p> <p>Height of artwork is important and may require planning permission if over a certain height.</p>	
6 ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS		
	Enquiries received about the public art scheme. No complaints received.	
7 AOB		
	<p>Veolia confirmed close to achieving Health and Safety performance target that will result in second round of charity money.</p> <p>HH any ideas where group would like the money to go to this time?</p> <p>VB – yes local charities.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 19:10</p>	
8 NEXT MEETING		
	Thursday 22 nd January 6pm – Clugstons Offices	