

Dardanup Landfill Community Reference Group (DLCRG)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

4:30 pm to 6.00 pm Meeting

Venue: Cleanaway Landfill Office - Lot 2 Banksia Road, Dardanup

Meeting opened 4:30pm			
Time	Item	Description	Comments
4:30pm	1	Attendees	Cleanaway: Barry Westbrook (BW), John Mulholland (JM), Andrew Doyle (AD) Community: Ian Trigwell (IT), James Szabadicz (JS) Shire: Ashwin Nair (AN) (Director of Development Services) Independent Facilitator: Mikaela Kerwin (Wattle Consultancy)
4:33pm	2	Apologies	Community: Ellen Lilly Shire: Neil Nicholson (Environmental Health Officer)
4:35pm			Members could not recall the previous minutes, or whether they had received them. JM committed to resending them – can be found at Dardanup Landfill Cleanaway. Attendees determined it was appropriate to consider this meeting the 'restarting' of the group. This included starting afresh in relation to meeting minutes & actions.
	4	Group Membership	No change



	5	Matters arising from previous meetings	All actions have been closed. Outstanding on previous minutes; Landscaping and rehabilitation plans uploaded to website Groundwater monitoring results, including summary doc uploaded to web page Confirmation there are no regulator restrictions based on harvest bans (in relation to fire risk) RL and AHD definitions updated links on webpage
4:52	6	Operational updates Cell height	 Height of cells. Height is in line with existing approvals, and work on the front face is ongoing. Confirmation CWY is not seeking height increases from what has been approved for many years. Temporary Vegetated areas on interim cover of cell face had to be disturbed in order to finalise1st stage capping of the cell during dry months. These areas are capped and ready to be planted again in line with rehabilitation requirement, however Cleanaway is waiting on rain before undertaking seeding. Piles of mulch are currently sitting on the capped cell face in anticipation of winter beginning. Rate of waste entering site is gradually reducing due to increase in waste energy and innovation in the waste sector.
			Community member asked why height of cells is viewable from coast (clarifying height increase). Cleanaway representative responded that the areas of exposed land are pronounced at the moment due to seasonal dry conditions, and construction work has been undertaken both to cap the existing cell. The final cell on the most westerly (visible) side of the site is due to be completed and planted over the next 5 years (based on market projections). Once this work is complete, public view of exposed land will be obstructed by rehabilitated/planted cell face. An updated staged capping plan is under development and will be presented to council in coming months It was reiterated no height increase has occurred.
5:22		Operational updates:	
		Dust management	Shire representative and community members raised complaints about dust being produced from the site.
5:28pm JS left room			Cleanaway acknowledged full responsibility for controls to mitigate dust leaving the site. Cleanaway representative outlined that causes of dust include: unseasonably dry conditions and delay in construction work due to approval timeframes.



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5:31pm		Discussed mitigation methods including:
JS re-		 hydroseeding of site,
entered the room		 quicker complaints communication from the Shire to Cleanaway (this will ensure complaints can be immediately responded to),
		 responded to), revisiting the structure of the approved Dust Management Plan so that mitigation measures can be updated in line with site conditions without needing further consideration and approvals from licencing agency, boundary surveillance of dust.
		Cleanaway to consider implementation of above mitigation methods. Cleanaway noted:
		 hydroseeding is ready to be implemented. Cleanaway are waiting on rainfall prior to undertaking hydroseeding. Operations Manager at the site is assigned to respond to complaints immediately, They have undertaken a 6-month dust monitoring program (lead by dust consultant). This informed the development of the Dust Management Plan in its current structure.
Landfill remediation Timing of remediation was questioned.		Timing of remediation was questioned.
		Cleanaway outlined that seeding is to occur through winter and will grow as the rain comes. The south western corner is ready to be completely seeded (once rain begins). Remediation will continue to be undertaken as cell 12 is filled from the southern side. JM provided rough timeline, and outlined that in winter of 2028 greenery getting established, and whole western face is to be final capped and greened during winter of 2030
		A question was raised in relation to having a staged approach to rehabilitation of the western cell face
		Cleanaway responded that capping needs to be constructed lengthways, rather than horizontally, and therefore capping has to occur incrementally to be effective. Permanent planting occurs after areas have been capped, and therefore rehabilitation along western face is to be staged in line with the pace of capping.
		No further action occurred as a result of this item.
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7	Other matters: FOGO	A community member raised a question about Cleanaway including FOGO management in their operations.
		Cleanaway communicated intention to construct FOGO facaility next door, adjacent to BHRC facility. The capital investment is large where commercial viability is volume driven. If Cleanaway were to take on these operations, they would construct enclosed system to limit odour impacts.
		It was noted that the existing FOGO facility at the neighbouring lot often had high levels of contamination. This is considered to be a public education issue. Responsibility of public waste education was questioned between Cleanaway and Shire representatives.
		Suggestions for future CRG included:
	Future CRG Meeting	 should be an open group for the whole community (comprising Shire representatives, community group representatives, relevant stakeholders) should have more structure and broader community involvement hosted quarterly
		 that CRG meetings should include a mini education component whereby experts would attend and respond directly to questions from the community at each meeting.
		Cleanaway's responses to the suggestions were as follows:
		 the group had been structured in a way to preserve the mental health of staff previous meetings have been held as approvals/determinations were received. Cleanaway would consider hosting CRG meetings on a more regular basis.
		 Education component was of interest. Due to resourcing, it may be limited to one expert attending each meeting. Cleanaway is to consider the feasibility of this for future meetings.
		Outcome (to be confirmed by Cleanaway) – CRG is to be run quarterly, and may include 'themed' meetings in order to have specific consultants attend to respond directly to community queries. Opening attendance to the broader community will be considered, but preserving the mental health of staff is paramount.

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	8	Date of next meeting:	Tentatively 25 th July 2024	Community Reference Group
Meeting closed	9	6:11pm		