

New Chum Community Reference Group

Meeting Minutes

Title: New Chum Community Reference Group

Date: Monday 28 July 2014

Time: 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Facilitator: Dr. Georgina Davis

Venue: Ipswich City Council Administration Building, 50 South Street, Ipswich

In Attendance

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Georgina Davis – Independent Facilitator	Duchense Broad – Riverview Community	Ben Sawley – General Manager, TPI
Jo Pocock – Development Planning Manager, ICC	Jim Dodrill – President, IRATE	Paul Tutin – Member, IRATE
Scott Blanchard – Regional Manager, DEHP	Eric LeProvost – Interim TPI Operations Manager for New Chum	Olga Ghiri, Stakeholder and Community Liaison Officer, TPI
Neil Perry – General Manager Queensland, TPI	Neil Randall – Principal, Riverview State School	Bruce Morton, Manager Environmental Health, WMHHS
Nathan Williams – ‘New Chair New Chum CRG’		

Apologies

Anthony Elmore – St Peter Claver College	Doug Hughes – Regional Manager, TPI	
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Notes & Actions

Item	Minutes	Action/Decision
1. Welcome & Apologies	Apologies received from Doug Hill, Transpacific. Diarmuid O’Riordan, Principal, St Peter Claver College, had also communicated that he would be stepping down from the Group as he was leaving his current role. DR has proposed his	

	<p>replacement to be Mr Anthony Elmore.</p> <p>Nathan Williams introduced himself to the Group. Mr Williams is to be the New Chair of the New Chum Community Reference Group. The current Chair (GD) has stepped down from the position due to relocation. NW provided a brief summary of his extensive background and experience in community liaison and representation roles.</p> <p>BS also announced to the Group that he was leaving employment with Transpacific and wished the Group the best for all of their future endeavours.</p>	
2. Review of Minutes	<p>Review of Minutes from meetings from 19 May 2014. Chair went through the action items from the minutes from Monday 19 May.</p> <p>It is noted that Transpacific are still seeking to recruit a suitably skilled and experienced, high calibre candidate to manage the facility. In the interim ELP will continue to management site.</p> <p>SB queried the future role of EHP within the meetings (with reference to the relevant Agenda Item). EHP has indicated that they will only attend future meetings where there is a specific requirement for their involvement – particularly given the withdrawal of MCU3735/10. WMHHS indicated a similar view given that they are not a regulator and matters of health are not discussed at every meeting. JP noted that ICC will attend all future meetings – JP noting that her role not only includes planning but broader ICC representation.</p> <p>PT noted his concern that EHP was considering not attending all meetings given that environmental matters are of significant community concern. Chair noted that any items requiring EHPs attendance would be added to the Agenda and their attendance formally request with a clear list of questions/matters to be discussed.</p> <p>SB queried PT future attendance at the CRG meetings given comments made at the last CRG meeting on 19 May that MCU3735/10 had been withdrawn and he was satisfied with the new management of the site.</p> <p>SB noted to the Group that he is always available by phone to discuss any environmental queries.</p> <p>Group confirmed Minutes as a true and accurate representation.</p>	<p>GD to upload the confirmed Minutes to the New Chum web-page.</p> <p>Transpacific to announce the appointment of the new Site Manager once completed.</p>
3. Environmental Sub-Committee Meeting	<p>The Group confirmed that the meeting notes from the Environmental Sub-Committee Meeting on 10 June 2014 were a true and accurate representation.</p>	<p>GD to upload the confirmed meeting notes to the New Chum web-page</p>

<p>4. Site Open Day</p>	<p>OG provided a review of the Site Open Day on Saturday 31 May.</p> <p>Twelve members of the local community attended and undertook tours of the facility.</p> <p>The refreshments were supplied by the Ipswich Rotary Club and Transpacific made sponsorship available to them for kindly participating.</p> <p>The on-site Community Information Centre (CIC) was open for viewing and is now operational and open to all visitors. A new stakeholder newsletter (specific to the site) was distributed to all attendees.</p> <p>The newsletter is available on the New Chum web-site and it is possible to download the content for inclusion in community and school newsletters as required. Hard copies of the newsletter are available at the on-site CIC.</p> <p>DB suggested that other opportunities for the distribution of the newsletter should be considered also.</p> <p>NR offered the school notice board (Riverview State School) as one media.</p> <p>JD queried the use and context of the term 'phytoremediation' in the newsletter (third page, second bullet point under 'Stormwater' heading).</p> <p>ELP agreed that the term was not in context and did not accurately reflect the stormwater process at the site.</p>	<p>OG to distribute the newsletter to various media channels in the local community.</p> <p>OG to make the necessary amendments to the 'stormwater' section in the newsletter.</p>
<p>5. Green Zone</p>	<p>OG provided an update on the Green Zone Project and ongoing discussion with Greening Australia. OG referenced a map showing three areas identified by Greening Australia. Transpacific are going to concentrate on remediating and replanting (with native vegetation) the 'heavily weeded areas.'</p> <p>The planning for this has now been finalised with Greening Australia and the final dates are to be advised. To keep the community involved, OG is planning a Community Planning Day in September during the w/c 15 September. The aim of this planning is to involve the community in revegetating the site with both opportunities for school children to participate (possibly on 19 September) and for the broader community to assist/finalise planting on the weekend (Sunday 21 September).</p> <p>NR suggested that the proposed dates for school participation may not be possible and provisionally proposed the previous week (w/c 8 September). Both NR and DB also voiced concern regarding the logistic and access to the site with particular note that the children must not access the site directly 'across land'.</p> <p>DB highlighted the importance of advertising the event to the local community, citing problems with finding suitable media given the area does not receive the free local papers. The</p>	<p>OG to determine dates and activities with NR and/or Leanne Burleigh (Head of Curriculum).</p> <p>OG and BS to organise logistics (with Greening Australia) for the activities.</p> <p>OG to follow up on advertising for the Community Planning Day in</p>

<p>7. Other Business</p>	<p>PT noted that the web-page designated to the New Chum facility and the CRG is not easy to locate or search. OG noted that Transpacific are currently updating their electronic media and that Transpacific is aware that this is causing some disruption.</p> <p>PT asked if the 'whole of life plan for the site' is available yet and what the status of the progressive rehabilitation plan was. BS noted that Transpacific are still working on these items and that they will be presented to the Group as soon as they become available.</p> <p>PT enquired if the site was accepting asbestos again. BS and ELP noted that it was and this was being done within the conditions of the Environmental Approval. Discussion followed regarding the status of Sub-Cell 2 with particular regard to its level of fill and the desired slope stability. ELP confirmed that although the height in Sub-Cell 2 had been achieved that there was remaining void space around the sides of the cell. It was necessary to fill these voids to manage the slope of the batters and ensure successful/stable capping and remediation of the Cell.</p> <p>JD queried if EHP (SB) was aware that the facility was accepting asbestos again. SB noted that as long as the asbestos is being accepted within the approval conditions that permission from EHP is not required. SB asked JD if he was aware of any non-compliance at the facility. JD confirmed that he was not but was concerned that previous indications by Transpacific indicated that Sub- Cell 2 was at capacity. ELP clarified that the asbestos being accepted is purely to fill remaining void space to best practice engineering standards and that the height of the Cell is unchanged.</p> <p>JD inquired if the site was accepting floc. BS confirmed that it is not accepting floc currently but may do so in the future.</p> <p>PT asked ICC (JP) about the outcomes of the 'show cause' notice issued to Transpacific on-site. JP confirmed that ICC had met with Transpacific representatives on three occasions regarding the issues identified and noted that most of the items have now been addressed with plans for any outstanding matters. ICC cannot provide an interim report but JP will provide a report on conclusion of the matter.</p> <p>Chair noted her concerns that the level of community involvement in the CRG has declined and it would be in the Groups interest to investigate further opportunities for greater community participation. JD suggested that further members of IRATE would be willing to participate in the CRG. Chair noted that the concerns of IRATE were already very well presented and articulated by JD and PT. NR reflected that broader community input would bring more</p>	<p>OG to monitor ongoing matters with regards to the web page.</p> <p>JP to provide a final report to the Group regarding the Show-Cause notice.</p> <p>All CRG Members to consider further opportunities for broader community involvement – suggestions for recruitment or nominations to be sent to Chair by 18 August.</p>
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	<p>balance to the Group and also represent views which may be currently missing.</p> <p>PT voiced his disappointment that there is no input from the locally Elected Members and this sentiment was agreed by the rest of the Group. Chair confirmed that Division 3 and Division 4 Members were copied into all correspondence and she had received 'read receipts' from both offices. The Chair also noted that specific email request and follow-up telephone calls (regarding attendance at the CRG meetings) to the Elected Members had been made but no response had been received.</p> <p>Group formally thanked BS and GD for their contribution to the Group. BS responded that he was very happy with the achievements made by the Group and the open dialogue which had been achieved using the example of the odour issues experienced in the New Chum area which were linked to a fertilizer manufacturer.</p>	
8. Closing of meeting	7.40pm	
9. Next Meeting	<p>Date of Next New Chum Community Reference Meeting – Monday 8 September 2014.</p> <p>Venue – Ipswich City Council Administration Building, 50 South Street, Ipswich</p> <p>Time: 6 – 8.00 pm</p>	<p>GD to circulate Minutes from New Chum Group Meeting.</p> <p>NW to circulate the agenda for the next CRG Meeting on 8 September.</p>