

New Chum Community Reference Group

Meeting Minutes

Title: New Chum Community Reference Group

Date: Monday June 27, 2016

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Facilitator: Nathan Williams

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

In Attendance

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Nathan Williams – Chair, New Chum CRG	Jim Dodrill – President, IRATE	Greg Broad – Community Member
Michael Simmons – Acting Team Co-ordinator for the Western Area, Ipswich City Council	Doug Hughes – Regional Manager, Cleanaway	Geoff Yarham - Secretary of IRATE (guest)
Scott Blanchard – Regional Manager, DEHP	Meg Saunderson - Principal, Riverview State School	Duchense Broad – Community Member
Jonathan Blight – Scribe	Paul Tutin – Member, IRATE	Hugh Wright – Cleanaway (proxy for Neil Perry)

Apologies

Neil Perry – General Manager Queensland, Cleanaway	Cr Kerry Silver	Cr Kylie Stoneman

Not in Attendance

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Item	Minutes	Action/Decision
1. Welcome & Apologies	<p>Apologies from Neil Perry (NP), Jo Pocock (JP) – the CRG congratulates Jo on her announcement of her impending parenthood and sends well wishes via new ICC representative Michael Simmons (MS).</p> <p>Apologies from Councillor Kerry Silver who is representing council at another event</p> <p>Apologies from Councillor Kylie Stoneman who is at a family funeral and out of town</p> <p>Michael Simmons (MS) introduced himself as standing in for JP while she is away on maternity leave for 12 months.</p>	
2. Review of Minutes	<p>Chair (Nathan Williams) will distribute the previous meeting's minutes around to the CRG members again tomorrow (June 28) with a closing date of July 1st to allow time for a final review.</p>	<p>Chair (Nathan Williams) will distribute the previous meeting's minutes around to the CRG members again tomorrow (June 28) with a closing date of July 1st to allow time for a final review.</p>
3. FY16 Community Benefit Fund	<p>Doug Hughes provided an update on the progress of fund distribution. Funds distributed to all but one party. Programs underway: DH and Hugh Wright (HW) have been to Riverview State School (RSS) and viewed the oven purchased from funding from the benefit fund. DH has also viewed the Fine Iron Rod & Custom Club shed (which was provided with funding towards a new kitchen) and noted that the Ipswich Knights Soccer Club are currently ordering the soccer balls, with money from the fund. The Ipswich Historical Association is the only current party with a project outstanding and DH noted that Cleanaway is still awaiting project information back from the Association before proceeding with the project.</p> <p>Next round of funding – TBC September request (more details next CRG Meeting)</p>	
4. Operations Update	<p>DH provided an operations update to the group. Since the last CRG, Cleanaway has seen another small spike in reportable incidents – in particular vandalism and trespassing incidents. There have been six incidents in total– theft, vandalism or unauthorised access.</p> <p>Around Void 10 on site Cleanaway has placed six new signs around that facility to warn of the potential dangers. Two have been destroyed and covered in graffiti to such an extent that they are now unreadable. CWY will continue to work on maintaining these despite these incidents.</p> <p>Other incidents include:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rear gates pulled off the hinges and bent over. • Two separate fences and gates flattened to the ground on the eastern side of the site. • Safety: one significant incident – a third party truck servicing the site, became unstable and tipped on its side. Because of CWY’s processes nobody was near the truck when the incident occurred and there were no injuries. There were also another six very minor incidents involving equipment damage that occurred between February and now. • DH discussed the chain of responsibility – monitoring program. DH noted also noted a significant drop in the number of overloaded vehicles coming on site. Paul Tutin (PT) mentioned this helps the local roads as well. • There was also a single incident of a third party onsite with incorrect PPE. • And finally there was fire in a third party truck’s cabin. The fire was put out by on-site mechanisms reported to the Department of Environment. <p>PT asked if there was “floc” going on site. DH confirmed that it is coming on site and going to a separate area.</p> <p>GY asked about the banned operator. DH discussed that the truck and individual banned, not the whole company. DH discussed the chain of responsibility.</p> <p>Employment update: CWY has increased their staff.</p> <p>At present on site there are:</p> <p>Two weighbridge staff and the company is undergoing the process of getting another casual weighbridge operator and possibly a permanent operator. Duchense Broad (DB) asked how many staff members are employed on site. DH responded that Cleanaway currently has 14 staff, 2 casual, 12 full time.</p>	
<p>5. Equipment Update</p>	<p>No new pieces of equipment. DH – cell 4, contractor is mobilising so equipment is coming on site for that.</p>	
<p>6. Complaints Update</p>	<p>There has been one official complaint, on Friday June 24. Cleanaway is still investigating the incident.</p> <p>GY says he was near the site on Saturday and believes that the storm water pond is overflowing. HW says this has been reported to the Department of Environment and Heritage as part of the standard response process to such an occurrence.</p>	<p>PT wanted to know how much ‘free-board’ was allowed in the design for rain events? PT wished to know how significant the rain event the</p>

DH – that dam was installed to control sediment and discharge off site. There are certain rain events where it will overflow. Cleanaway monitors the quality of water leaving the site. DH described a floating device near the discharge point that has the sensors on it to monitor.

GY has a concern that water is overflowing on to Chum street.

HW said they are using the water from the settlement part of the pond for dust control and mentioned that Cleanaway has notified DEHP that this area is a discharge point. HW and DH continued and mentioned that the water is treated with a flocculent and the water quality is within the licence limits.

GY stated that he believes that no water should leave the site, regardless of the quality and any products that leave the site should go through Void 10 via the perch dam.

DH clarified that within certain (higher level) rain events there will be some flow of water onto Chum St. The dam has to hold a certain level of water up to a certain rain event as part of the licence agreement but once rain levels exceed that limit Cleanaway monitors the water leaving the site to ensure it meets the relevant water quality measures with DEHP. HW added that to assist in dropping the dam levels Cleanaway uses the water from that dam as a primary source of dust control on site and the design of the pond ensures that the water discharged meets water quality limits.

DH explained that it was Ipswich City Council (ICC) requirement as part of an enforcement notice to put a pre treatment into that area. Cleanaway has completed that activity and is also ensuring that as part of a DEHP process that there is water monitoring on both sides of Chum St.

Jim Dodrill (JD) believes there has been a large amount of water on the road after the recent high-level rain events.

DH added that they offered to run a pipe under the road to manage this, but ICC did not agree to this solution and instead have preferred Cleanaway to have a grass verge at the edge of the site. ICC's chief engineer who was involved in design and conception approved this.

GY believes that the water should not be leaving the site and that ICC should conduct further investigation into water flowing on to Chum Street.

PT wanted to know how much 'free-board' was allowed in the design for rain events? PT wished to know how significant the rain event the stormwater pond is designed to manage, and is the most recent rain event that caused it to overflow above or below that level. DH took this on notice and will respond at the next CRG.

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	<p>JD asked if the water quality is measured when exiting the site and is it being monitored once it crosses the road? DH and HW responded that it is not being monitored as they can only monitor within their boundaries, as per the site's licencing requirements. PT said this is an ICC issue.</p>	
<p>7. TOR review</p>	<p>PT referred to the Terms of Reference (TOR) – asked if names will be added. Nathan Williams (NW) said he removed them as part of the membership renewal process. DH suggested the CRG add the names and their election date and renewal date be added to the TOR that was agreed on by the group.</p> <p>NW responded to PT's question as to why there are two-year terms for members. NW said this is best practice in regards to maintaining the effectiveness of a group, and gives people the ability to review their membership on a regular basis and ensure that they still wish to actively contribute.</p> <p>NW went on to explain that in the case of the group's recent membership renewal process everybody wished to maintain their position and in fact everyone responded within a week to state that they were interested in staying on.</p> <p>NW also mentioned the language could be revised from 'fixed term' to a renewal and review process if the group wished. The group made no indication that this was necessary at this stage.</p> <p>In terms of broader community representation, NW explained that recent changes were designed to create flexibility with the group and ensure that balanced representation continued. The ideal group balance was for two members of the general community, two from IRATE, two from Cleanaway, one from ICC and one from DEHP.</p> <p>DH mentioned he has made contact with Saint Peter Claver College however no faculty members had indicated any interest in participating in the CRG. Meg Saunderson (MSa) had also talked to other local schools and neither principal had indicated any interested in attending.</p> <p>DB said she had contact with some Saint Peter Claver people and they said they could not see the benefit in joining the CRG. NW said there has been a shift in the input levels for the CRG, particularly as the Community Benefit Fund is up and running. PT said there is no one from the Bundamba region currently being represented in the CRG.</p> <p>NW stated that the CRG is not a decision making body so while balance is key it is not critical to have representation from every sector or locality to have a casting vote. NW mentioned that it is a responsibility of CRG members to report to and from their respective areas of the community.</p>	

DB asked how many people are required at a CRG if it is not a decision making body. NW reiterated that the basis of a quorum is outlined in the terms of reference. DB continued to state that she was aware of the number required but wanted to point out that that the more people who attend these reference group meetings the more challenging it is going to be to have more in depth discussions as more people will want input.

DB mentioned that even though the CRG members know about the CWY site, a lot of broader community people don't know and don't care, or are not displaying any concern about the site. DB said that is why she and MS are here, to report to the community and communicate their thoughts, feelings and concerns.

JD said he has many people asking to join the CRG. JD requested there be some flexibility for guest speakers attending the meeting. NW stated that he was open to the idea as long as the rules and guidelines about guest speakers (as outlined in the terms of reference) were adhered to by all members.

DH mentioned that Cleanaway has not run an open day in a long time, and he believes it appears to be overdue. DH took this as an action item – for CWY to begin to co-ordinate an open day.

DB mentioned that as community representatives, members should be open to hearing what people have to say, and then taking information/ concerns to and from the meeting.

NW paraphrased a question from PT regarding advertising in local media for vacancies and whether Cleanaway planned to continue this practice. NW said the reason the specific wording was removed was that Cleanaway had completed this process on prior occasions and found that it wasn't effective in finding candidates.

DH said that after the low success of the last advertising run Cleanaway decided to advertise internally (via the reference group) and we got significantly better results.

NW reiterated that the reason the specific reference to advertising was removed in the TOR was because it was a prescriptive process that is not always the best approach and that other methods have proved more effective such as notices on the Cleanaway website and contacts via the CRG members.

Finally in responses to a question around councillor attendance NW explained that the revised terms of reference have changed the explanations around councillor attendance at meetings to provide greater flexibility for councillors and CRG members. In the new TOR councillors can attend when

	<p>available but meetings are not subject to their attendance in recognition of the challenge of meeting everybody's availability. NW has mentioned the CRG however to both relevant councillors and they have both expressed their interest to attend, although they were not available for this meeting. DH said the process is good that they offer for them to attend but they are not required and will receive all agendas and minutes and relevant materials.</p>	
<p>8. Operations and Management information requests</p>	<p>Cells 3 and 4 approval status and plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH: CWY has applied for the construction of Cell 4 and ICC has approved this as an Operational works approval and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection as an amendment to CWY's licence. DH explained that CWY cannot place waste into the cells until it has been approved by a Registered Professional Engineer of QLD (RPEQ) • Cell construction is a two-year approval process. CWY is currently constructing Cell 4a. 4b will be built after 4a. • 4b has the same licence criteria as cell 5b and incorporates all waste streams that CWY is approved to bring on site. • PT believed that CWY was unable to bring in asbestos or floc in to cell 5b, DH confirmed they are licenced to do so, and it will be the same in 4b. • JD asked if the licence approval was put onto PD online. MS confirmed that Operational Works approval 158/16 was approved by Council • JD asked for a copy of the licence. • JD asked who the decision maker is on that particular project. SB said that is the assessment manager of the permit and licencing branch. HW said that DEHP had deemed it to be a minor amendment. • DH mentioned Cell 3 has no construction approval, but may be possible in a few years. • SB asked if CWY has a copy of their approval on their website. DH said if this is requested he can help someone get that, if required. • JD asked if part of the Operational Works included engineering drawings in regards to the amount of fill/ DH said that the engineering drawing is in regards to what they are building. What goes in there is part of the ICC landfill approval process. • PT asked about the cell liner you can see on Collingwood Drive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DH recognised you can see the lining. He said at this stage it will still show the white geofabric. He is discussing with the engineers about changing the colour of this or covering it so that it's not as contrasting. PT suggested the use of hessian to cover the lining. • Status of funds allocation for rehabilitation plan: DH has provided ICC with a draft plan that ICC returned 	

to CWY (with feedback) last week. The current progressive rehabilitation areas that are available are limited to the batters of Cells 4 and Cells 5.

- PT said he is interested in seeing the final capping systems and the vegetation that goes on top. DH agreed that this could form part of these discussions.
- GY asked MS if those plans should be covered by operational works plan? MS said it would just be complying with the conditions of DA approval 4629/13. GY asked what input the community can have on that and MS confirmed that in this particular case council's relevant technical experts assessed these plans and there was not an opportunity for community input.
- DH spoke further on CWY's post closure rehabilitation process: CWY has established funds for the post-closure rehabilitation as they have a 30-year obligation. CWY has a number of landfills around the country currently undergoing post-closure rehabilitation. DH stated that the specifics are commercial in confidence. CWY is required to hold a bond and is in compliance with that – through a bank guarantee. Review annually based on activities on site. JD asked how much the bond was? SB said it's a portion of CWY's takings (in revenue) over a year.
- Leachate pond usage: DH: Yes, two leachate ponds currently in use. Two fenced ponds, on the Eastern side of cell 2, are currently in operation. The ponds use aerators to air the water and break the surface tension to evaporate. In summer, evaporation is high, but recently CWY has moved a significant amount of leachate to tankers.
- JD asked if there had been any overflows. HW confirmed there has not been overflow there.
- MS was asked about the ICC monitoring program. And said that there are always on going inspections for compliance as part of CWY's licence agreement and land use approvals.
- GY is concerned about the re-profiling compliance he said it appears from the naked eye that CWY is not complying. GY stated that the reasons for the concerns about the re-profiling height was that the current observed tipping height from his perspective is as at or very near the original illegal overfilled height. GY also believes that the height of the liner on the western side of cell 5 is at a height higher than the approved re-profile heights. HW answered that is incorrect and the profiling is compliant. HW stated that surveyors have been attended the site on a number of occasions to confirm the accuracy of the profiling in relation to Cleanaway's licence requirements.
- GY said IRATE will be approaching ICC to validate the compliance. MS suggested CWY provide evidence of action towards compliance, such as the surveyors who have been there recently.

- GY asked about existing wildlife levels around the dam.
 - HW said the perched dam does still have wildlife, and substantial greenery
 - JD said this is in regards to Google map photos over time indicating reduced vegetation and the colour of the water changing
 - DH responded that the pond has an existing environmental monitoring point and CWY has not seen any change in water quality. DH hopes to publish the 2015 results in the coming weeks. SB mentioned that CWY is only putting up the summary reports, not the full reports DH believes this is sufficient as it indicates any breaches. PT would like to see the full report.
 - PT said he would like to see the quarterly tests published
 - DH said CWY will consider the request

- Items still outstanding in relation to an existing ICC enforcement notice and outstanding compliance regarding the rehabilitation plan
 - Compliance of buildings – tied up in new redesign, approved by ICC (approved earlier this year) as part of a detailed tender pack. Cleanaway will issue an RFT in the next 2 weeks. Based off that tender, a construction party will be awarded
 - The front sign: Cleanaway is waiting for the new branding to be conducted and a template to be put forth. Sign will come down in the coming months. Will then submit an operational works (OW) approval to build a new front sign.
 - Landform compliance is still required. Cleanaway is waiting on completion of repairs to Cell 2's liner before undertaking the re-profiling of Cell 1. Within Cell 5 the settlement has been greater than expected. Most of that will be taken up with the settlement. CWY hopes to do this before the end of 2016.
 - The workshop – has received RPEQ sign off. Still need to get an OW approval for the constructed building to be signed off. CWY has place additional bracing in it, and now the builder has to apply for an OW for the building to be signed off by ICC

- Noise and construction:
 - DH said there is less equipment on site now than there has been previously. Cell 4 (where the works are being completed) is lower than Cell 5b therefore adverse visual amenity

	<p>should be reduced. The low height also helps with noise concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HW mentioned the other surrounding sites. CWY has noticed that there is a perceptible increase in noise from neighbouring sites just judging by the “naked ear” ○ DH and HW pointed out other sites nearby on a map ○ A concrete crushing machinery has also left the New Chum Cleanaway site. 	
9. Next Meeting	<p>Suggested date for the next meeting will be communicated in a couple of weeks.</p> <p>GY asked about the upcoming meetings. He suggested there is one early September, so that there can be one in December.</p>	
10. Any other Business	<p>GB and DB discussed some Facebook comments that have been made in regards to CRG membership.</p> <p>NW discussed that CRG members must be fair and honest about how they treat each other.</p> <p>DB asked all members for respectful behaviour towards one another.</p> <p>Greg Broad (GB) discussed one Facebook post in particular where it claims he has no experience on the issue.</p> <p>DH requested, on behalf of CWY, the post be removed.</p> <p>NW reminded the group that the effectiveness of the group depends on respect for each other and hopes that this is the last time that this conversation is needed.</p> <p>GY asked what the minimum staff on site would be at 3:30pm on a Saturday as he was near the site on Saturday and saw a truck on site. HW responded they are required to have 5 staff on site, doing various jobs. GY said he did not see any water cart near the dumping truck. HW said it is not required.</p> <p>DH mentioned they normally have a cut off of 3:30pm for tipping on Saturdays, and 5/5:30pm on weekdays.</p> <p>NW closed the meeting.</p>	