



Southern Waste Solutions

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

MINUTES

15 October 2013

1. Opening

A meeting of the Community Reference Group was held on Tuesday 15 October 2013 at Sorell Council's offices, commencing at 15.30

2. Present

- a) **Present:** Jamie Ward (interest in sustainability and zero waste), Angela Marsh (Southern Beaches Conservation Society Inc - SBCS), Sarah Taylor (concerned and engaged community member), John Wise (Blue Hills Sporting Shooters Club, landfill nearest neighbour), Christine Bell (Southern Waste Solutions - SWS).
- b) **Apologies:** Leigh Arnold (local businessman), Tom Gray (Tasmanian Shellfish Executive Council), Max Cunningham (South East Shellfish Growers).
- c) **In Attendance:** Not applicable.

3. Approval of Agenda

Members approved the agenda as circulated.

4. Previous Minutes

Members adopted the previous minutes as circulated, subject to a request from Angela Marsh for a change in wording of a paragraph dealing with Utilities v Rural Resource zoning. Minor changes were made in relation to her request however Angela continues to express concerns about this matter. Other members do not have such concerns. Refer to minutes January 21, 2014.

5. General Business

a) Community queries

- (i) Information was sought in relation to a recent Macquarie Point Developments' ad for a consultant. SWS is not aware of any information about this.
- (ii) Plans for repairs to fire damage to the primary leachate pond liner were discussed. One option of lining the secondary stormwater pond to temporarily convert to a leachate pond was discussed and the group was advised that this did not occur. The new WAIV system will be used to empty ponds to allow the repair to take place.
- (iii) Angela stated that Macquarie Point Developments had advised that they would not have any material for the C cell for at least 2 to 3 years. Nyrstar had given similar advice.
- (iv) Jamie volunteered to follow up with Macquarie Point Developments re timing of remediation, volumes involved and levels of contamination.
- (v) It was agreed that any planned future stormwater discharges would be advised on the web site immediately.
- (vi) Sarah requested a copy of the site monitoring report from February 2010.
- (vii) Christine agreed to send Sarah a link to a weather station close to the landfill.

b) Updates on actions agreed at previous meetings

- (i) Dropbox account is no longer wanted.
- (ii) Facebook account is no longer wanted.
- (iii) A representative from Tas Waste is to be invited to a future meeting [06 August 2013 item 4 h) 4.].
- (iv) Other potential members of the group are still under consideration [06 August 2013 item 4 h) 5.]
- (v) December site visit [03 September 2013 item 5 b)] is to be arranged – after the WAIV unit is in operation.
- (vi) A blog is no longer wanted.
- (vii) Jamie discussion with UTas re lack of accredited laboratories in Tasmania is still to take place [03 September 2013 item 5 c) (ii)].

c) Zoning, re-zoning and planning

Angela requested a change to the minutes in the area of restrictions on Utilities v Rural Resource.

d) BLANKET

After some discussion the group decided in favour of proceeding with the BLANKET weather and air quality monitoring system. It was noted that this will not be associated with landfill monitoring. The landfill has separate monitoring systems. The Environment Protection Authority will decide the most suitable location.

e) Legislative structure

- (i) The group requested an outline of the Authority's reporting mechanisms. Christine undertook to prepare something for the web page.
- (ii) The group sought clarification about state wide strategies for waste management and was advised of the existence of the Waste Advisory Council which comprises individuals from business, industry, government etc.

f) Site monitoring

The group welcomed the opportunity to have a discussion with Dr Terry Walker who is in charge of site monitoring. He will be invited to the next meeting.

g) Other updates

- (i) Jamie reminded the group of the use of earthships as a way to recycle tyres.
- (ii) Jamie, Angela and Sarah agreed to have their email addresses published on the SWS web site.

h) Expenses claims

Jamie reminded members that they are entitled to claim for the use of their car to attend meetings.

i) Actions for next meeting

- Jamie to contact Macquarie Point Developments 5 a) (iv)
- February 2010 monitoring report to Sarah 5 a) (vi)
- Link to weather station to be sent to Sarah 5 a) (vii)
- Tas Waste to be asked to attend future meetings 5 b) (iii)
- Members consider other group participants 5 b) (iv)
- Site visit December 5 b) (v)

- Jamie to approach UTas re lack of laboratories 5 b) (vii)
- Reporting mechanisms on web 5 e) (i)
- Invite Dr Walker to the next meeting 5 f)

j) Next meeting

Tuesday **5 November 3.30** pm at Sorell Council Chambers.

k) Meeting close

5.00 pm.