



Thursday February 9th 2017

Name of meeting: Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility, Veolia Community Liaison Group		
Date: Thursday February 9 th 2017	Time: 5.30pm	Address: RERF, Newmarket Approach, Leeds, LS9 0RJ
Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucy Wheeler (TCV) Chair• Josie Olivent• Jeremie Nsengimana• Ian Kenning (LCC)	Observers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philip Turpin (LCC)• Tim Price (Veolia)• Sarah Dawson (Veolia)• Rosie Harvey (Veolia)	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Mackie (Resident)
Secretariat: Sarah Dawson (Veolia)		
Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome and Apologies2. Operational overview3. Residents – feedback from the community4. Community Engagement and Community Fund5. AOB		

1. Welcome from the Chair, round table introductions and Apologies

Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved and accepted as a correct record.

2. Operational overview by Tim Price, Veolia

Tim Price gave an overview of operational activities at the facility, including an update on the paper pulping facility; he explained the benefits and innovation behind this.

Tim also talked about recruitment at the RERF after it was raised by IK that there was a perception Veolia Leeds employ a lot of agency staff, Tim explained that agency staff who are local often migrate over and become permanent employees. TP said since joining the Leeds team, turnover at the plant had been higher than he liked and that management are in discussions with staff over a new salary and benefits package.

3. Residents - Feedback from the community

Resident JO asked if schools were now visiting the facility. SD responded that school visits to the RERF were increasing and more work was being done to encourage schools to visit on educational tours, this included universities and colleges.

4. Community Engagement and Community Fund

PT said the Community Benefit Fund was now up and running and those in the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill and Temple Newsam wards (Halton Moor only) can apply.

Resident JN asked about air quality data and whether this could be included in the next community newsletter, TP explained that data from the area would not be sourced from Veolia and would be from an outside body. SD explained that current monthly RERF emissions data is available on the Veolia Leeds website. It was agreed that a general explanation of RERF emissions could be included in the next newsletter to inform people of the limits and guidelines Veolia adhere to.

5. AOB

It was agreed that the frequency of the CLG meetings will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 6.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th May at 5.30pm in the Visitor Centre.