



Thursday May 11th 2017

Name of meeting: Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility, Veolia Community Liaison Group		
Date: Thursday May 11 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● Paul Fowler● Sarah Dawson	Observers:	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jeremie Nsengimana (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. Frequency of meetings6. 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 Paul Fowler, Veolia

PF gave an overview of ongoing works at the facility including an update on the paper pulp facility (PPF). PF confirmed overall availability of the facility was above target and that works to the ballistic separators in the Mechanical Pre-Treatment area of the plant have been replaced by new equipment.

PF updated the group on the District Heating tender bid, which was not awarded to Veolia. PF also said the building of the Paper Pulp Facility (PPF) was underway and would be operational by the end of the month. PF explained that this would extract paper from the pulping plant which could then be made into new items such as hospital bed pans and animal bedding.

A new night shift pattern has started in the MPT, with 10 new staff recruited – PF explained how this will give Veolia more flexibility and will help towards achieving the recycling contractual target of 10 per cent in the future.

PF also mentioned the increasing visits to the facility and said a number of schools had recently visited the plant, with school visits recently increasing.

3. Residents - Feedback from the community

Resident JO asked about the recent press article in the Yorkshire Evening Post newspaper which referred to Veolia not meeting its recycling targets and asked what wider impact it would have for the city of Leeds. PF explained the contractual target for Veolia was 10 per cent and he believed this contributed approximately 5 per cent towards the city's target. PF also explained that waste which is not recycled, gets incinerated at the facility and it was not taken off site or to landfill.

4. Community Engagement and Community Fund

PT said the Community Benefit Fund was now up and running and the first round of applications for the wards of Burmantofts and Richmond Hill and Temple Newsam wards (Halton Moor only) can apply for the next financial year.

PF and SD noted that once the bids had been awarded, publicity around each bid should be coordinated with the council and promoted in the area.

5. Frequency of meetings

It was agreed by the residents who attended that the frequency of the CLG meetings should be on a six-month, rather than three-month basis as attendance at the meeting has decreased since the CLG meeting was initially set up before construction.

AOB

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 6.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9TH November at 5.30pm in the Visitor Centre.