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Community Liaison Meeting Calf Heath Village Hall 7pm Tuesday 29 March 2011

Item	Minutes Details	Action
Attendees	<p>Veolia (ES) Staffordshire (VES): Alastair Pettigrew (AP), Nick Hollands(NH), David Cowan(DC), Hilary Hampton(HH), Owen Dimond(OD), Donald Macphail(DMac) Alexis Krachai (AK)</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council: Ian Benson (IB), Debbie Holihead(DH)</p> <p>Environment Agency: Steve Mearns (SM), Tim Low(TL), Mark Smith(MS)</p> <p>Councillor Mike Hampson - South Staffordshire District Council.</p> <p>Councillor Bevan Craddock – Penkrige Parish Council</p> <p>Councillor Fred Barrett – Brewood/Coven Parish Council</p> <p>Councillor Andy Hartshorn – Hatherton Parish Council</p>	
Apologies	Councillor's: G. Butterfield, R.J. Cope, Mrs J Williams, Mrs M Willets	
Introductions	<p>(AP) asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves</p> <p>(NH) suggested that consideration should be given to inviting the South Staffordshire EHO</p> <p>(AP) also explained that Councillor Robert Marshall had been invited to chair the group but was not in attendance</p>	
Terms of Reference	Members of the group were invited to submit any comments direct to (HH) by Friday 15 April 2011	ALL
Appointment of Community Representatives	<p>(AK) explained to the group how applicants were invited. There were three groups who were contacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who had left their contact details at the two drop in sessions that were held in July 2010 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who had contacted VES and had shown an interest in the project • Residents who visited the ERF at Sheffield <p>Letters and emails were sent to approximately 150 people. Also the Clerks to the Parish Council's were informed.</p> <p>(AP) explained that there had been four applications received - three from local residents and one from a local business plus another expression of interest from Lafarge.</p> <p>(AP) suggested that initially the thought was that two members from the community and two members from local business would be invited to join the group but because of so few numbers had applied that all the applicants received would be invited to join the group.</p> <p>A long discussion took place around this with Councillors raising concerns mainly about how representative the business application would be.</p> <p>It was agreed to take no action at present but for Councillors to go away and to consider these along with other interested parties and by no later than 15 April to come back to HH with suggestions</p>	<p>Councillors Hampson, Craddock, Barrett, Hartshorn</p>
<p>Construction Programme and Key Stages</p>	<p>(NH) went through the presentation slide "The story so far" to re-cap where we are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to original planning application • Looked at consented scheme • Looked at the key issues <p>From this VES put in an alternative planning application which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed the external ramp • Made the stack more slim line • Made building smaller and compact • Maximised green area for habitat • Overall the building is smaller – lower and has much more sustainability <p>(AP) said as well as bringing waste in and making electricity VES are also looking at the feasibility of the ERF being able to supply heat as well. Locally the SI Group and Featherstone Prison were being looked at as potential customers but it was stressed that this was still at the feasibility stage</p> <p>(DC) discussed the construction phase.</p>	

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	<p>Mid June cabins will start arriving on site ground and civils and ground work will start.</p> <p>During the 2nd six month period this will be the start of the building stage</p> <p>July 2013 Commissioning will start</p> <p>December 2013 Site will be fully operational</p> <p>DC said that during construction period he would be attending the CLG meetings along with the project manager and representatives from the contractor.</p> <p>Future meetings could focus on particular aspects of the contract</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Councillor Hampson raised concerns about traffic. Councillor Barratt asked about prescribed routes and would all HCV be kept to these routes.</p> <p>(AP) bought to the group's attention that at present there were 110 members of staff at the Veolia site. These staff will be moving to new offices in Cannock in early summer just as construction on the ERF site begins.</p> <p>This will also have the effect of reducing traffic in the area</p> <p>(AP) suggested that at a future meeting transportation could be discussed in more detail</p> <p>(IB) informed the group that SCC had responsibility for the new road junction works. The new junction was one of the planning conditions. The work on the new junction was well ahead of schedule within budget and would become a working junction on 29 April 2011 bearing no unforeseen circumstances arose</p> <p>(AP) said that some clearing work and fencing work had taken place on the site of the ERF ready for a start on site in June</p> <p>Councillor Barrett asked about how the community would be informed about the new ERF</p>	

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	<p>Discussion took place about the best way to keep the local community informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Bulletins • Web Site • Local Press • Publish contact details <p>Councillor Hampson suggested that the group attend a site visit when the group is established</p> <p>Environment Agency</p> <p>(MS) informed group that VES were still to apply for the Environmental Permit for the site. When this has been received the EA will review it and it would also go out for public consultation</p> <p>(MS) also drew the groups' attention to what the EA can do and can't do about the site.</p> <p>They will look at the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology • How the site is operated • Emissions – What's allowed • Direct Impact of people's health – no effects <p>The EA will not give consideration to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the facility is there or not • The visual impact • Whether the facility is needed or not • Appropriate for the area <p>(MS) asked for suggestions of where best to bring the application for the Environmental Permit to people's attention.</p> <p>Suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express and Star • South Staffordshire District Council were informed • Parish Clerks • Veolia's Office • Libraries • Web Site 	
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	<p>(IB) asked if there was an executive summary or non-technical summary available and whether this could be distributed more widely</p> <p>Councillor Barrett raised concerns that the public didn't really know what the site would look like.</p> <p>NH said that a number of photo montage from key viewpoints had been produced for the planning application and that these would be made available for the next meeting</p> <p>Councillor Barrett also asked if there would be some good will gesture from Veolia for the local community.</p> <p>AP Explained about Veolia's Environmental Trust and that it would be a good idea to invite them to a future meeting</p> <p>IB stated that it was one of the purposes of the group to decide what it thinks would be sensible ideas and then sound out the community</p> <p>Councillor Hartshorn said that he hoped that Veolia would listen and share information and act on concerns that are raised through the group</p>	<p>NH/HH</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>16 June 2011 7pm at Calf Heath Village Hall</p>	