

King's Cliffe Local Liaison Group Meeting

3rd June 2015

Present

Phil Watson (PW)

Heather Smith (HS)

Fiona Cowan(FC)

Chris Leuchars (CL)

Michael Day MD)

Simon Moyle(SM)

Barbara Murie (BM)

Eleanor Nicholson EN)

Gene Wilson (GW)

Roy Mantas (RM)

Kevin Burton (KB)

Representing

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)

Councillor (NCC – Oundle Electoral Division)

Collyweston Parish Council

King's Cliffe Parish Council

King's Cliffe Parish Council

Augean

for Mr T Murie, Tixover Parish Council

Jennings Nicholson Associates (for Augean)

Augean

Environment Agency

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1. Apologies:

Councillor Mike Simpson

Dawn Barrett – Easton-on-the Hill Parish Council

Note: Tony Slipper.

The Group wished to express their sadness to the news of the death of Tony Slipper (Tixover parish) and to posthumously thank him for his long service and valued contributions to the liaison group-

2.Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.1 Agreed

3. Operators Update

3.1 SM Reported that: the operations are continuing as normal within Phase 5b. Works to cap Phase 5a and 2b will be undertaken this year; clay is being taken out of King's Cliffe and moved to Thornaugh for engineering purposes; and the leachate levels have been reduced and they are now moving into compliance with

the Environmental Permit. (There was an explanation about leachate for the new member of the liaison group).

3.2 SM. The access improvement discussed at previous meetings were to be done following completion of an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

3.3 In answer to a question from CL about what cover will be placed on the capped areas; SM confirmed that a mulch will be used to add organic matter to enable vegetation growth.

3.4 SM. Commented that on the way to the meeting she had noticed an odour when passing the ENMRF site, and asked what this was?

3.5 KB. Confirmed he had picked this up on a site visit prior to the meeting. It was being caused by hydrocarbons in the soil. He has required the offending soils to be covered over.

3.6 GW. Updated the position on the 3 Environmental Permit applications, which are for:

- The soils treatment plant
- Hazardous waste landfill extension area. This is currently on the Augean website
- LLW. This will be submitted by the end of this month and will be on the Augean website by the 3 July 2015. There will be 2 months for comments to the Environment Agency.

3.7 GW. An open day is planned at the site on Saturday 18 July 2015 from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs. The Environment Agency will be present. (NOTE: The Open Day has been changed to 17 October 2015).

3.8 GW. The planning application to Peterborough City Council for the re-engineering works at Thornough landfill site is well advanced.

3.9 There was a discussion about the amounts of LLW and hazardous waste received by the ENMRF site in 2015 and GW/SM confirmed they imported 3795 tonnes of LLW and about 100,000 tonnes of hazardous waste. The community fund monies available for this year amounted to £19,875.

3.10 CL asked why the figures for LLW were so low?

3.11 GW responded that it was related to the amount of funding made available by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA). The NDA has seen budget cuts as have all central government funded organisations. Money is often targeted to priority radioactive waste streams at higher activity levels than ENMRF can take which is up to 200 Becquerel's.

3.12 RM commented that the 'safety case' for the site is now being based on LLW waste types that are consistent with the types of waste received in the last 3 years and those expected in the future instead of a hypothetical fingerprint that was used in the original application.. Currently the site is mostly taking waste with bequerel levels much less than 100. Only very small amounts above this have been taken.

3.13 PW referred to Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and asked whether Augean may see large amounts of LLW waste from these sources (particularly oil and gas drilling and fracking)

3.14 RM commented that there is much uncertainty about the amounts of NORM that will require disposal. Much of this NORM can go to ordinary landfill site through the 'exemptions' process.

4. Community Fund

4.1 HS confirmed that she has received a number of requests made this year. Some are outside of the range of the scheme.

4.2 GW felt it should be aimed at communities where there was a perception of harm, as this was the basis for providing the community fund.

4.3 PW checked the Section 106 Legal agreement and the definitions which related to the types of eligible funding.

4.4 HS felt that generally the community fund money can support schemes of less than £5k which often didn't qualify under the landfill tax scheme. It was also felt that other forms of fund raising should also be encouraged rather than allocation full amounts requested as this is normal to expect. HS referred to the following requests which could be considered as being within the range of the scheme and asked for the group's general agreement on the amount to award:

- King's Cliffe Underground – requested £10k. The Underground was considered to be a worthy cause which pays revenue salary for the administrator which isn't covered in the landfill tax scheme. This cause has been supported each year. It was agreed that £8k was a fair amount.
- First Responders (Defibrillators). There is a request for 2 in King's Cliffe at £4.5k. It was felt that £2k should be awarded to cover the cost of one of these.
- Duddington Village Hall Committee £0.6k for cooker and fridge. This was a small amount and agreed.
- Oundle Rural Mind requested £6k. This received some support last year but should pursue funding from other sources and £1k was agreed as a contribution.

4.5 HS commented this will leave some monies for other projects which may still come forward.

5. Environment Agency Update

5.1 KB. There has been no comments received from the public on the variation to the hazardous waste permit, and this is now close to determination. There is effectively very little change from the previous permit although the standard of engineering to protect groundwater is even higher. 2m of in situ clay will be left in place above the limestone, on top of this will be an engineered clay liner and this will be covered with an artificial membrane liner.

5.2 Hydrological risk assessment work is ongoing

5.3 KB The most recent monitoring inspections showed minor matters for Augean to follow up and report back:

- Groundwater-2 slightly elevated results (chloride)
- Landfill Gas- 1 slightly elevated level
- Dust- within permit levels

5.3 CL asked about chloride and what it could mean? Kb commented that there is a threshold limit of 250 milligrams per litre. The slightly elevated levels can occur in groundwater from salt being spread on roads. Chloride in small concentration is not seriously dangerous to humans and we eat it. The natural groundwater levels are generally between 100-150 milligrams around here.

5.4 KB. Leachate levels which were elevated in the winter should be compliant by the end of June. Capping works on the filled areas should be completed within the next year which should reduce water ingress significantly.

5.5 RM. Environmental Monitoring of groundwater off site has not been funded this year by the Agency, but Augean are still undertaking this. There is another bespoke funding programme Radioactivity in Food and the Environment (RIFE) which takes place around nuclear facilities. We are looking to incorporate ENRMF as part of this program.

6. County Council Update

6.1 PW. The Minerals and Waste Local Plan review is starting and as part of this there has been a call for sites. Augean has not put forward any extensions to the ENRMF or any other sites in Northamptonshire.

7. AOB-None raised

8. Date of Next Meeting

8.1 Date agreed as 2.00pm on Thursday 3 December 2015 at King's Cliffe Village Hall