

Meeting Minutes

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**Levin Landfill Neighbourhood Liaison Group (NLG) Meeting**  
**Tuesday 18 April 5pm – 6:30pm**  
**Ante Room, HDC, 128 Oxford St, Levin**

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**In attendance**

Jenny Rowan (Facilitator)	Taitiana Taukiri (HDC)
Christine Moriarty	Carolyn Dick (HDC)
Viv Bold	Cr Sam Ferguson (HRC)
Billie Paki	Daniel Haigh (HDC)
Eugene Henare	Greg Carlyon
Charles Rudd	Graeme Lindsay
Parekura McGregor	David McMillan (HDC)
Peter Everton	Dean Wilson
Jack Warren	
Deanna Paki (Lake Trustee)	
Cr Rogan Boyle (HDC)	

**Welcome and Karakia**

Jenny welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked Eugene to open with a Karakia.

**Apologies**

Peter Thompson, David Moore

**Any Conflicts of Interest**

Charles raised an issue around PMG and HEKA not being in the Resource Consent Conditions.

Deanna asked who the PMG are. Jenny explained that it is a Project Management Group that was appointed by the 2019 agreement from the community led by HEKA, only because they were the main body taking the district council to the Environment Court. Which is why it was led by HEKA and there was an agreement that was signed by the district council and the community, signed by HEKA because they led the project. PMG was appointed by the CNLG, which was the Community of the NLG. The representatives of the PMG are two people from the community, two people from the District Council, and one person from the Regional Council. They are the management group within the council that helps the community with management of all things.

Noted that this conflict of interest has been occurring since 2002.

Charles Rudd raised that those that are not NLG do not have speaking rights and this is a breach of the Resource Consent Conditions.

Deanna asked if there is a document from Government that states who is supposed to be in the NLG. Jenny confirmed, not from Government. Confusion with a document from the Environmental Court at the latest consent conditions.

Concerns raised about PMG meeting before the NLG meeting and agreements already made. Jenny confirmed that no agreements were made.

Daniel discussed overall PowerPoint and looking for opportunities to open lines of communication with NLG around the landfill for future works and investigations. The council wants support from NLG. Engaging with Ngati Pareraukawa and MTA.

Deanna questioned if Lake Trust has been engaged. Dan replied that the dialog needs to further open and the council has made some progress but will need support moving forward. Deanna noted that Lake Trust should be in the meeting as owners of Hokio Stream. Deanna would like emails moving forward. Daniel agreed and noted clear communication lines are still being established.

**Action: Taitiana to add Deanna to the contact list.**

Eugene requested to be involved in the forefront of the conversation. Noted that communication needs to be worked on and Council needs help with this. Eugene suggested that we all work together as one group.

Charles noted that guests can have speaking rights if invited to the NLG meeting.

Peter asked Eugene if he thinks people with interest would be able to have an opportunity to speak. Deanna asked about Lake Trust, Daniel confirmed that Lake Trust are in the NLG and can speak. Eugene confirmed that the NLG included the Lake Trustees from the start.

Daniel explained the presentation discusses engagement on future works and communicating with the community around the Future of the Landfill.

Daniel advised that conversation has started with the Tatana family around what the future of the area between the landfill and Hokio Stream could look like, but nothing is set in concrete. Need to engage with the Lake Trust. It was questioned whether there are current discussions with other landowners in that facility. Daniel confirmed landowners will be contacted as this process is only just getting underway.

#### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Charles request Regulatory Manager, Health Manager, Environmental Protection Manager attend next hui to answer questions. Daniel suggested that we send them questions before the next meeting, so they can have all information at hand and have time to answer detailed questions.

Sam suggested the Horizons Regional Council Annual Report Review be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action: Taitiana to contact HRC to have the Horizons Regional Council Annual Report reviewed at the next meeting.**

Dean raised an issue around minutes not being recorded at the last meeting/briefing held in Council chambers on the future of Levin landfill. Specific dates that were brought up are of importance. Asked for notes and PowerPoints to be shared. Jenny confirmed that the meeting was a council briefing and not an NLG meeting. Daniel agrees and mentions that Taitiana will be working on this. Acknowledged that it hasn't been perfect and we have now established better communication lines with mailing lists and notification of those without access to online services. Jenny supported Daniels comments.

**Action: Taitiana to add PowerPoint slides to this document.**

#### **Update on engagement program - Annual Plan process**

Discussion around the Long-Term Plan Amendment and Landfill Options.

Charles raised the issue of the costing wanting more detailed costings on all future use options. Cr Boyle commented that finding costing was time consuming. Costing assumptions have been made so council can proceed with the decision-making process for the future of the landfill. Issues with not enough information. Carolyn advised what pages to refer to.

Daniel advised that there will be further discussion once the decision about the Future of the Landfill has been made.

#### **Inclusion of Previous Submissions**

Carolyn advised that an email to previous submitters was sent out today and explained how to re-submit previous submissions.

**Action: Those who have not received an email to get in touch.**

Charles questioned Option 2 native plants and not communicating with Lake Trustees. Carolyn advised that we are not at that stage and to include interest in your submission forms.

Charles requested a definition of clean fill.

**Action: Response provided to Charles by council.**

Deanna questions if Maturanga was included in the process. Daniel confirmed that the investigation had not started.

#### **Landfill Tour**

Landfill open day Saturday 22 April 2023. Opportunity for NLG to do the Landfill leg of the tour. Meet at the landfill gates at 12pm.

*Carolyn left the meeting.*

#### **Update on physical works program at Levin Landfill**

Discussion on the capping of the old dump.

Daniel suggested connecting Deanna with the Hydrologist when the report is due based on questions around the direction of groundwater flow and link with Pot.

**Action: Council to include Hydrologist in an NLG meeting when the report is ready and to pre-circulate the hydrologist report.**

Discussion about potential wetland. Daniel is working on creating a 'plan on a page'. Future options will be brought to NLG. Concerns about raised rates. Daniel confirmed that the plan has not started but it is something that will be investigated and will need support and ideas from NLG.

Eugene questioned councils committed with Tatana's to exporting gravity fed leachate sediment. Also noted that wetland doesn't make it a workable option. David confirmed there are more options. These options will be brought to NLG.

The report is expected in two weeks.

Dean noted he is glad to be here, involved in the planning part. Noted that Viv Bold asked to be involved in water sampling.

**Action: David to invite Viv to do water sampling.**

Update around clay capping and topsoil. Potential to complete permanent capping next week.

Graeme questioned if odor would come out if temporary cap is removed. Daniel confirmed that council is not looking to take the cap off. Noted there is no topsoil right now.

Eugene questioned if the height requirement has been exceeded.

**Action: Council to follow up landfill height requirements for capping.**

Update on borehole access. Intending to do tree thinning. Noted that it is in progress, but work has not started.

*Rogan left the meeting.*

Viv Bold raised the issue around watersampling. Deanna raised an interest in attending with Viv.

**Action: Council to contact Viv and Deanna for water monitoring.**

*Daniel left the meeting.*

#### **Other Matters – Update on Landfill Consent Review**

Taitiana advised that we would wait till after the Long-Term Plan Amendment to discuss.

#### **Other Matters**

Sam noted that Option 1 is the preferred option from NLG. Sam will make a submission supporting Option 1.

Questioned whether the Horizons Annual Report can be peer reviewed. Graeme confirmed that it had already happened.

Horizons Annual Report to be presented at the next meeting with Horizon Officers.

Jenny suggested dates for the next meeting; 13<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action: Taitiana to contact Horizons and to arrange date.**

#### **Closure and Karakia.**

Jenny asked Eugene to finish with a karakia.

**Meeting closed.**