

Levin Landfill Neighbourhood Liaison Group

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a Neighbourhood Liaison Group (NLG) Meeting held in the Ante Room, Horowhenua District Council, Oxford Street Levin on 16 August 2022 at 5.30pm.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Facilitator: Jenny Rowan

Monique Davidson (Chief Executive)

Asli Crawford (HDC)

Graeme Lindsay

Yvette Falloon (HDC)

Viv Bold

Eugene Henare

Christine Moriarty

Trevor Hinder

Rachael Selby

Charles Rudd

Peter Everton

Greg Carlyon (The Catalyst Group)

Phil Landmark (Stantec)

Dan Higgs (HRC)

Sam Ferguson (HRC)

Emily (The Catalyst Group)

Natasha Breen (HDC)

Welcome and Opening Karakia

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

Apologies

David Moore, Jack Warren

Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Viv made reference to having volunteered her services to oversee the taking of water samples and noted that this has not yet taken place despite having followed up.

There was discussion around Health & Safety requirements, some locations being difficult to access and the potential for Viv to observe the taking of water samples from a distance. It was agreed that Viv is happy to observe from a distance.

The next sampling round is in October 2022.

Action

It was agreed that by the next NLG Meeting HDC will have met with Viv and visited the site.

Trevor advised that he received the questions from Morrison Low today (from the Community meeting on 27 July) so has not yet been able to respond.

Submission by Charles Rudd

Charles spoke to his submission with the following being noted:

- There are continuous breaches – 27 years to date
- The NLG was left out of the review of consent conditions in 2019
- The Regulatory Manger, Monitoring Officer, Environmental Protection Manager and Team Leader from HRC Compliance should be in attendance at NLG Meetings
- Information that should be given to NLG, has not
- People must adhere to the Resource Consent Conditions

Monique advised that Council are in the process, of wherever possible, trying to ensure information is open and transparent. As a result, the Levin's Landfill Page on HDC's website has had further information uploaded with the intention to upload all information. This will take a little time.

Eugene asked about the makeup of members of the NLG.

Asli read out the NLG Members as listed in the consent. Greg noted that the members list came out of the last consent review.

The following parties shall be eligible to be members of the NLG with have one representative each at NLG meetings:

- a) the Lake Horowhenua Trustees*
- b) Mr Charles Rudd*
- c) Ngati Pareraukawa*
- d) Each of the owners and occupiers of those properties adjoining the Levin Landfill property described as A through to N on Drawing 2181*
- e) Horowhenua District Council*
- f) Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council*
- g) Two representatives of the owners and occupiers of the properties affected by the landfill. the permit holder (if a different entity from HOC).*

Peter Everton noted that he believed new NLG Members can be added, with approval of NLG Members and the consent holder. Dan agreed and noted it is condition 35d.

Moved: Charles Rudd

Seconded: Eugene Henare

“THAT Graeme Lindsay and Vivienne Bold become official NLG Members”

CARRIED

Moved: Christine Moriarty

Seconded: Trevor Hinder

“THAT the Council confirm that addition of Graeme Lindsay and Vivienne Bold to the NLG and a new list circulated”

CARRIED

Moved: Charles Rudd

Seconded: Peter Everton

“**THAT** Graeme Lindsay will be available to speak as a Technical Advisor on the work he has been undertaking for the group. Payment to be discussed as/when at the table over a matter”

CARRIED

Asli read out a clause relating to Technical Advisor’s:

Technical Advisors as appointed by any members of the NLG may be invited to NLG Meetings if NLG members consider it reasonable to assist the discussions with the NLG (at the members own cost)

Annual Compliance Report Summary

Dan took the report as read with the following key notes taken:

- Covers the period of July 2020 to June 2021
- Moderate Non-compliance discharge of landfill gas and odour to air
- Asli noted the date on cover should be issued June 2022 and not February 2022
- Report submitted to HRC end of September 2021
- Due for a site visit report which will be done in the near future
- Viv noted that HDC have never requested Envirowaste to keep a hazardous waste log
- Jenny asked Cr Sam Ferguson if he could follow up with HRC on having someone local to respond to odour complaints
- Viv noted there has been a decline in water quality
- Viv noted there was no notification of the Waste from Greytown
- The conditions of consent were done and agreed collectively

Questions/Comments on the Annual Compliance Report Summary from Viv Bold

Catalyst Group Draft Compliance Report

Emily presented on the findings of Catalyst Group Draft Compliance Report.

Emily’s laptop was unable to connect to the screen, Greg suggested Emily use Natasha’s laptop resulting in Natasha being unable to minute/note this part of the meeting.

Questions/comments following the presentation:

Charles

- There is an election and will be a whole new group of people and it will take 2 years at least for them to get up to speed. I can see the CE saying no, they are not going to close the landfill
- Councillors have already made a decision to close it 4:3
- Questioned if the NLG will be part of any remedial work. Jenny confirmed yes.

Greg

- There will be a report from the Chief Executive prior to the Election and a special council meeting for the Landfill Decision in September. The decision is for Elected Members
- Councillors will have the final Catalyst Group Compliance Report
- The draft report as it stands, will be sent to the PMG (in confidence)
- Council will have 2 weeks to make comments on the draft report – with track changes
- If something is non-compliant, it is non-compliant. It is your response to the non-compliance that needs to be nuanced
- Data for the catch up Audit will be received from HDC by the end of September 2022 and concluded by the end of October 2022
- Monique has suggested a further NLG meeting in early November and advised that if the NLG needs a meeting then have a meeting
- There have been a significant attempt made to address issues at the Landfill
- Emily has completed the report independently
- The assessment framework used differs to the assessment frame work of HRC – a compliant rating requires evidence of compliance
- The full report will be available within a fortnight and be placed on HDC's website
- Reminder to please make odour complaints as they occur

Peter referred to 'a mountain' at the new Landfill that drains into a gully that goes to a wetland on Peter's property. There was discussion between Peter and Phil Landmark with it being agreed that Phil will investigate.

Christine noted that the Leachate Remedial Plan is meant to be complete and in place in 2023 and to date the NLG has seen no designs or plans.

Asli responded that the intention is to engage with both the PMG and the NLG.

Jenny noted that this is a big issue for the community and the need for the NLG to be engaged and part of discussions.

General Business

Viv noted that the aquifers and the streams on the southern side of the dump are being affected by pollution as well as Hokio Stream.

Viv advised that there are people in Hokio Beach who would like their bores tested. Viv will gather a list of names and advise Council for their consideration.

Meeting Closure

Eugene closed the meeting with a Karakia