

Minutes

Burwood Resource Recovery Park Community Liaison Group meeting - 20 July 2015

Venue: Bottle Lake Forest Information Centre

Time: 6pm - 7.15pm

Attendee's:

Resident reps: Rod Miller (Chair) Robin Pettit, Paddy Brandon, Chris Evans, Elissa Smith.

BRRP: Gareth James, Andrew Henderson

CCC: Tim Joyce, Warren Hunt, Dennis Preston, Mark Doyle.

Meeting opens: 6.05pm

Apologies - Linda Stewart

Previous minutes accepted.

Update from Gareth James of BRRP/Transwaste about the park and recent article about the possible extension of the consent. Better information is coming to BRRP from CERA and Contractors about the increased volumes of material. A lot more privately owned properties that have/or need to be demolished and disposed of are now on the books that were previously unreported.

By June 2015, 660,000 tonnes of material have passed through with 350,000 tonnes of it already processed. Currently receiving around 10,000 tonnes per month.

We have a limited amount of space to dispose of material and our consent runs up until September 2017. With the current order books this could take us through to 2020. This would mean the trucks still coming through at the same volumes but tailing off over time, and perhaps ceasing by late 2018.

CERA Act which was used for the original consent process expires in April 2016 and the District Plan is under review, therefore we may need to apply for a new consent by September 2015 so that it can be decided under the process established originally. We may need to utilise the current zoned landfill space to accommodate more landfill waste. This would not mean any increase to the size of the BRRP or the landfill zone.

If this is the route we believe we should take, we will consult the community and local Iwi. The BRRP board will decide on this within the next two months or so and let you know at the next meeting.

Questions:

Rod Miller: Are satellite sites around Christchurch closing?

Gareth James: Yes, some are being closed due to illegal activity and some are just closing from a business decision. However, none of these sites were doing what BRRP does, and none were ever consented for disposal of waste.

Paddy Brandon: Would it be possible to move the BRRP site?

GJ: Yes, but it would mean moving all the material currently onsite, so the same number of trucks that were needed to bring it in, would be needed to take it away.

PB: Parklands Residents Association was unhappy when the site was set up and were given assurances that the site would not be extended close to homes, are you now saying different?

GJ: No, we will stay within the original agreed/notified boundary. It may well come at the expense of the effluent ponds but that would be a good thing for neighbours.

Elissa Smith: Dust was an issue in the past, would it be an issue if new pile was started? Also how do these plans affect the proposed bike park/wetlands plans?

GJ/Andrew Henderson: Dust will not be an issue as we have dust control tools in place that have worked well in the past. As for the proposed plans for the bike park/wetlands, they won't change but further stages may be delayed. The plans are all still valid. You can see how the mountain bike track has come on and is a very popular (10 bikers outside our door as we speak).

Tim Joyce: Yes all plans are still in place.

PB: would be a shame if by 2020 the plans have not been completed. Would be good to see the Park and council progress the plans side by side.

Warren Hunt: BRRP have really come to the party here and really helped us with advancing our plans for the park. They have opened up areas to us that they didn't need to, yet they have.

ES: We have had a great community here because of the attraction of the forest, we would hope to have an asset here in future that attracts people again.

RM: How long do you think we will be seeing trucks coming in?

GJ: Two and half more years, so 2018. The volumes will be steadily tailing off and then it will just be the plant processing then. Currently 40% of the material is recycled. All timber/wood is being stockpiled onsite until an appropriate or beneficial solution can be arrived at for its use.

ES: can we use the better wood/timber for signs?

GJ: I think that would be worth looking at.

RM: What about site D (sensitive material)?

GJ: That falls under the jurisdiction of CERA/Government.

Complaints register update:

AH: since our last meeting we have had three complaints relating to speed. We have spoken to the companies and re-educated them on the speed limits and reminded them about respect for the community and neighbourhood. Dust control and air quality is being constantly monitored and reading are all normal. All operations are working well.

RM: we still have issues with the entrance with trucks and buses going onto the grassed areas.

AH: We have repeatedly put cones (fixed/movable) and this has not deterred the offenders. I will speak to Dave Harris at CCC about looking at inserting timber posts with roped fencing. I will speak to the road users again about not stopping there.

Chris Evans: I've even seen a police car going up onto the grassed area! So the fenced wooden post on both side would help.

ES: What else is being recovered/recycled at the plant, Glass?

GJ: No glass, but concrete and hard-fill (rubble, bricks etc). Some of this hard-fill is used to fill in the various holes we see around the park and elsewhere.

RM: Do you have a concrete crusher onsite?

AH: No, that machine comes on-site as required.

ES: I am doing a newsletter it would be good for me to use some of this information to keep our residents informed.

GJ: We can arrange for photos if that helps?

ES: That would be good. We want to promote the area especially any new attractions/assets like the mountain bike track, BMX Park and forest that would help drive the development the area's economy.

PB: How long to make the park safe and accessible to the public after the work ceases?

GJ: only a few months, but the extensive landscaping would take longer. The plant itself would be dismantled.

ES: It would be a waste if all those services already inbuilt (power, water services, foundations) went to waste, they might be used as a platform for a new facility/asset that would contribute to the area's economy.

PB: To see the park and area handed back into public use and ownership would be great.

ES: will you contact the newspaper to update them?

GJ: Not yet as no decisions have been made we will update you first and then notify media.

Robin Pettit: Warren, can you tell us if the numbers visiting the park are increasing?

WH: Yes, I've built a damn good track for them! But seriously, the park plans will only serve to make it more attractive to visitors. The Earthquakes were devastating, so where else could a site like this have gone. This park will eventually be a massive attraction as a result of the plans and designs for the area for the future.

RM/CE: the Truck behaviour and volumes are so much better now compared to the start.

WH: There will be no more tree felling this year only thinning. Orion is also putting in or running a substation cable from Rothesay Road to Burwood Road (to Aston Drive), this is not the start of any subdivision as per some rumours going around.

Rod Miller (Chair): If there is nothing more I shall close the meeting and recommend that we have the next meeting in two months* or when BRRP are ready to update us with their intentions following their Boards decision on their future/consent application intentions.

*Next meeting 21 September 2015 or on a nearer date as specified by BRRP.

Meeting ends at 7.12pm.