

PWLLFAWATKIN WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 13th February 2020 – 6.00pm
Pwllfawatkin Site Office

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Site Report
5. NRW Report
6. Planning
7. A.O.B
8. Date of Next Meeting

Present:

Richard Thomas (FCC), Paul Gibson (NRW), Neil Herbert (NRW), Hugh Towns (CCC),
Cllr Geoff Moore (chair) (GCGCC), Cllr Sonia Reynolds (GCGCC), Cllr Vince Hotten (PTC),
Cllr Dai Davies (GCGCC), Jeremy Miles (AM Neath)

Others for Circulation: Alan Rees (NPT)

1. APOLOGIES

- Cllr Linnet Purcell (PTC), Cllr Arwyn Woolcock (NPTBC), Cllr Anthony Richards (PTC)

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Accepted.

3. ACTIONS CARRIED FORWARD

- No actions carried forward.

4. SITE REPORT

- Tipping in Cell 4 North sidewall, estimate to be full April 2020.
- Lorry numbers at 25 per day.
- Capping works temp cap finished, perm capping delayed to bad weather.
- 70 loads of leachate per month due to high rain falls.
- Odour complaints. A Flurry of complaints received in October.
- Cllr Arwyn Woolcock complained on the 1st October that he could smell the tip by Ck's supermarket; a response was sent to Cllr Woolcock. Cllr DD suggested that the cold weather holds the gasses down.
- AM JM asked if anything had changed? PG said the engine size had reduced from 3 to 1 due to the drop in Gas.
- SR asked if more information could go into the site report?
- RT will add volume of gas treated, leachate levels and perimeter gas.
- JM asked if this information was on the public register?
- PG will be available shortly.
- DD are gas monitors used?
- PG yes NRW and site staff has personal gas alarms.
- JM what is the cause of the odours?
- PG 2 inspections carried with no odours detected, 3rd inspection found slight odour off site and slight odours on site.
- JM from findings are there actions in place?
- NH yes actions are in place will discuss in full in NRW section.
- VH would odours end once cell is full?

5. NRW

- RT yes cell will be capped.
- SR how many more cells, and will it be the last one?
- RT yes one more cell and no more after that.
- SR will complaints get a response?
- NH yes complaints will get a response, complainants can also phone site to complain.
- JM would it be better to give a press release?
- PG has been in contact with press, FCC to provide updates on action progress.
- JM has planning application gone in to the planners?
- RT yes planning application has been submitted.

6. NPT

- Neil Herbert and Paul Gibson visited site on the 24th October couple of issues found and action list created.
- Actions completed to date 2 gas wells connected on eastern flank. Leachate well 4NB connected. Tipping face reduced as much as possible, extra daily cover applied and an extra 1000 ton of cover available.
- Six new wells will be drilled in January. Permanent capping will resume as soon as weather allows.
- JM asked what 6 new wells would provide?
- RT each well gives about 25 yards of suction through the waste.
- DD do gas wells deteriorate over time?
- NH yes it is FCC responsibility to ensure checks are in place.
- DD asked who is responsible for the tip after site shuts?
- PG FCC are responsible for the site for the next 60 years after site shuts but there is money in a pot if FCC cannot continue for any reason.
- NH when is the Gas survey to commence?
- RT 5th 15th and 18th of November.
- JM what is the gas survey?
- RT a FID survey can pick up any gas leaks.
- NH said that FCC is cooperating with NRW on all actions.
- PG FCC are not doing anything they are not supposed to be doing.
- DD what happens if the grid can't accept any more electricity?
- NH the flare would be used.
- SR heard that chicken guts had been tipped on site.
- RT no that's not true.
- NH EPR has been approved.

- Two applications are still in process with a couple of issues, 1 was the drainage on the road crossing that seems to be resolved, 2 FCC have applied to change the profiles and discussions will delay the process for a couple of months.
- Hugh has conducted two visits so far this year, first visit in June, second visit September no issues with the two visits.
- Next visit due in Dec 19.
- SR has planning got a time limit?
- HT yes a new application would have to be submitted if time runs out.
- DD is there more waste going out of Wales?
- NH all of Wales is now Non-Hazardous and Phase 2 is all Non-Hazardous. Phase 1 was a Hazardous site but that shut in 2006.
- DD will 871 be turned into a new cell?
- HT no Tip 871 will never be a cell.
- SR when will the site shut?
- RT site shuts 2023 and 2025 for restoration if application is approved.
- VH is it a competitive market for waste?

- HT yes there is lots of competition in the area.
- SR asked if there was a number for the planning application?
- HT supplied the number.

7. AOB

- Abernant leisure development.
- SR asked for info on the leisure park.
- RT so far it is to be kept in the Liaison meeting, it will be continued once the site gets close to closing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- End of Jan - Feb 2020 - 6pm Pwllfawatkyn Farm House.

Planning Applications Update

There are two planning applications currently under consideration:

- P2018/0511 (Tip 871) – The variation of Condition 1 (to extend the operational lifetime of the site until 2025, followed by a year for restoration works) 2, 5, 6, 8, 15, 19 & 21 (to reflect the submitted updated plans and statements) attached to planning permission P2014/0693 (Please note amended date from 2023 to 2025)(re-consultation following revised final landform)

- P2018/0512 (Landfill Site) – The REMOVAL of planning conditions 1 (commencement) 8, 12, 17, 18, 19, 37, 42, 49, 54, 61 (duplicated by other conditions) 21 (move to notes section) 24, 32, 36, 44, 45, 46, 53, 59 (relating to required works that have already been completed) 34 & 39 (superseded by subsequent permissions) 38 (Tip 891 has been restored). The VARIATION of planning conditions 2 (to extend the operational lifetime of the site until 2023, followed by a year for restoration works) 3, 5, 7, 22, 23, 28, 35, 41, 43, 48, 50, 51, 55, 60 (update conditions to allow for updated plans/information submitted) attached to planning permission P2002/1016. (re-consultation following revised final landform)

- Both applications have recently been subject to re-consultation following the receipt of additional information from the applicant and a change to the proposed site profiles. We are awaiting the response of the Environmental Health Officers at NPT in relation to the Odour Management Plan. Once that response has been received the applications will be reported to the Planning Committee for determination.

Monitoring Update

- A monitoring visit was undertaken on 9th December 2019. There were no significant issues arising from the visit. There had been a significant number of complaints about odour but no odour was evident at the time of the visit.
- A Technical Officer Group Meeting was held on 28th January 2020 to discuss the odour complaints. The odour complaints had reduced considerably since remedial works were undertaken in December – mainly (but not exclusively) the installation of 7 additional gas wells which was brought forward from January 2020. The additional wells have resulted in a 30% increase in the gas volumes being collected and this has undoubtedly meant a reduction in emissions to air.
- When emissions to air are combined with changes in barometric pressure and a change in ambient temperature, often experienced in late autumn/early winter, the effects could cause odour issues although it is not possible to say for sure whether that is the cause in this instance. What can be said is that the remedial measures undertaken appear to have coincided with a reduction in complaints.

- There is an Odour Management Plan in place for the site and in future the Local Authority will be looking closely at the timing of the installation of gas wells so as to mitigate the potential for landfill gas emissions, as well as minimising the area of the tipping face and capping of tipped areas as early as possible.

Site report

1. Tipping in cell4/sidewall we currently have 2 months of void remaining
2. Average lorries per day 20/25
3. Engineering works in last 6 months southern flank temp liner installed. Eastern flank permanent liner installed and 1m clay to be placed when weather permits.
4. No engineering works at present, further temp liner on southern flank provisionally booked for week commencing 17/02/2020
5. 7 new gas wells installed early December and connected to the system. Monthly gas data sheets show that gas flow has increased by 200m³ from 600m³ to 800m³
6. 80 loads of leachate removed per month, this is an increase of about 10 loads per month due to the heavy rainfall leachate levels are compliant, perimeter gas compliant and ground waters are compliant.
7. A Police forensic team was on site 6th and 7th of Feb where they were sifting through some waste that was thought to be delivered on Tuesday the 4th of Feb. The area was cordoned off for future examination if needed, I then received a call from Dyfed Powys police on wed 12th Feb to say they would not be coming back to site and the area was re-opened to waste due to the sensitivity of the search the site was shut for the two days of searching.
8. High volume of odour complaints in October, November and early December 3 complaints in January none in February.