

MINUTES

BROWNS PLAINS LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING OF

14 SEPTEMBER 2010

ATTENDEES: Councillor L Bradley
P Menon (Logan Waste Services - LWS)
A Reiser (LWS)
B Lee (LWS)
L Boyd (Community Representative)
S Willmet (Community Representative)

The meeting commenced at 2.35pm.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor C Dalley and.

N Martin (Community Representative), D Moore (Community Representative), J Armstrong (Community Representative) and M Sams (Community Representative) did not attend.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

L Boyd confirmed that the minutes of the meeting of 29 June 2010 were an accurate record.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Letter of Appreciation to G Sandilnikoff

At the last meeting an action was placed on B Lee to forward letter of appreciation to Mr Sandilnikoff. He reported that he had done so. A copy is attached to these minutes.

3.2 Cr Bradley to be Invited to Meetings

At the last meeting P Menon advised that Councillor Lisa Bradley was now the Chair of Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee, and as such, invitations to future meetings should be sent to her instead of Cr Clarke. An action was placed on B Lee to issue the invitation, and he reported that he did so.

Cr Bradley was welcomed to the Group.

3.3 Landfill Odour

3.3.1 Odour Survey

The meeting reviewed odour survey data for the three-month period of May to July 2010.

The average number of odour incidents recorded by survey participants was 0 incidents/participant/month compared to 2.1 during the same period last year.

The duration of odour incidents recorded by survey participants was 0% of the month compared to 1.7% for the same period last year.

Odour Complaints

There were four complaints received during the three-month period of May to July 2010. This compares to two for the same period last year. Of the four complaints, LWS investigations indicated that in three cases the landfill was almost certainly not the source of the odours, and there was also some doubt about the fourth.

Details of the four complaints were as follows:

- 22 June 2010 - Ryedale Street Heritage Park- The resident was concerned about landfill odour. On the basis of odour characteristics and prevailing weather conditions at the time of the complaint, the resident was advised that the odours were likely to have originated from other sources.
- 01 July 2010 at 11:39am - Bedfordshire Court - The resident was complaining about the smell from landfill on 30 June 2010 at 7pm. A LWS officer visited the residence and no smell was detected. However, the residence is a considerable distance from the landfill and there was no wind towards resident direction at the time of the complaint. It was considered highly likely that the odours originated from other sources.
- 13 July 2010 at 08:21 am - Zara Way - The resident was complaining of strong odour at night from 6pm till morning. A LWS officer called resident and explained that the residence is a considerable distance from the landfill and there was no wind towards resident direction at the time of the complaint. It was considered highly likely that the odour originated from other sources.
- 21 July 2010 at 4:30 PM - Clandon Street - The resident was complaining of a strong odour from 4:30pm till morning for last few weeks. Resident is experiencing this pattern of smell first time in winter in 5 years. She said that she vomited due to smell on 21 July 2010 afternoon. A LWS officer called resident and explained to her about the odour management system on the site. Due to the close proximity to the site (just off Saint James Circuit), the officer contacted the resident again regularly over the following week, but the odour did not return.

P Menon commented that the complaint of 21 July could possibly have been due to a special burial of particularly malodourous waste.

3.4 Environmental Performance

Apart from odour complaints, there were no other significant environmental complaints or incidents recorded at the Browns Plains Landfill during the period of May to July 2010.

In terms of environmental monitoring, however, the results of sampling conducted at the Browns Plains Landfill in May 2010 were received in July 2010. There was a dust exceedance at one of the eight monitoring locations on the site. LWS has a licence condition that no more than 130 mg/m²/day be recorded at these locations. The levels exceedance recorded was 191 mg/m²/day. The monitoring location in question was in a high traffic area, and use of the water truck in that area was increased as a result.

L Bradley asked if the environmental monitoring was a requirement of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DERM) and P Menon confirmed that it was. She also asked what happened when dust exceedances were recorded. P Menon advised that it

depends on the likely source. If the exceedance is recorded at an area where earthworks are being done, extra visits by the water truck are appropriate. However, sometimes exceedances are recorded in remote areas of the site where there is no operational explanation, and no corrective action can be taken.

3.5 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DERM)

B Lee reported that there was no contact with DERM officers during the period of May to July 2010.

3.6 Ibis Update

3.6.1 Ibis Counts

There were no complaints received regarding ibis during the period of May to July 2010. Numbers of ibis recorded at the site were as follows:

2010	Tip Face	Tip Face Surrounds	Trees	Dam and Other Places	Total
March	540	200	50		790
	930	57	80		1067
	830	0	255		1085
	850	180	80		1110
April	750	120	100		970
	1080	130	12		1222
	560	310	200		1070
	900	280	150		1330
May	900	320	200		1420
	760	200	180		1140
	750	320	100		1170
	480	250	300		1030
	590	400	120		1110
June	1280	580	160		2020
	770	430	800		2000
	850	200	900		1950
	830	610	700		2140
July	300	0	500		800
	0	0	600		600
	0		850		850
	120	30	530		680

3.6.2 Ibis Control Program

A Reiser advised that an ibis control program commenced on the site in early-July 2010. The program incorporates dispersal, spotlighting and the removal of eggs and nests. In terms of dispersal, methods include whip-cracking, bird fright, use of dogs and use of remote-controlled planes. This program will continue for 12 months and will be conducted by a contractor and LWS staff.

P Menon advised that the first month of the program featured an intensive effort which was part of a regional program in that similar activities were undertaken at many landfills in south east Queensland.

S Willmetts asked if the program had been successful. P Menon advised that it had been while it was operating, but the ibis returned soon after.

Cr Bradley asked if many complaints about ibis noise were received. P Menon advised that there were not. L Boyd commented that this could possibly be because many residents were at work during the day.

3.7 Fire Ant Update

Biosecurity Queensland Control Centre (BQCC - formerly DPI) inspectors arrived at the site on 09/07/10 and found two fire ant nests in greenwaste area A. A BQCC Written Direction dated and received on 13/07/10 restricted movement of material from an area approximately 100 metres around the nests. The nests were treated by injection on 13/07/10. On 29/07/10 a validation inspection was conducted (confirming that the treatment had been successful) and a written clearance (revoking the previous order) was received.

On 29/07/10, however, LWS officers found another fire ant nest in greenwaste area Q. These nests were treated on 30/07/10. Another order restricting the movement of greenwaste was received 02/08/10. On 01/09/10 BQCC advised by email that a dog team had been to Browns Plains to conduct the validation inspection - and they had found further suspect nests (but didn't say where). They were subsequently treated, and another validation inspection is expected on 15/09/10.

L Boyd asked if the fireants were coming into the site in greenwaste. P Menon advised that it is hard to say. He also mentioned that Council will be entering into a new greenwaste management contract from 1 October 2010. L Boyd asked what will happen to the greenwaste under that contract and P Menon advised that it will be removed from Council sites and composted elsewhere.

3.8 Site End Use - Traffic Management

B Lee advised that LWS are unaware of any further developments in relation to this issue to the end of July 2010.

P Menon advised that this matter can probably come off the Group agenda. Traffic has been monitored since the opening of the Indoor Sports Centre next the landfill, and at this stage, there is no intention to make any changes to current traffic arrangements. The situation will, however, continue to be monitored.

L Boyd advised that she would be very concerned if there was ever a suggestion of the landfill entrance being moved to Bayliss Road.

3.7 Invitations to Odour Complainants

At the Group's September 2009 meeting it was recommended that Council direction be sought on the proposal to send landfill odour complainants an invitation to join the Group. The matter was considered by Council at its meeting of 27 October 2009 when it resolved that written invitations to join the Group be sent to residents who make odour complaints about the landfill.

There were four complaints made during the May to July 2010 period, but no invitation to join the Group was extended in three of these cases it was considered likely that the odour originated from a source other than the landfill. In the fourth case, in which there was also some doubt about the source of the odour, an invitation was extended due to the proximity of the residence to the landfill. Correspondence dated 5 August 2010 was sent to a resident in Clandon Street (off Saint James Circuit).

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Site Clearing

B Lee passed on advice to the Group from the LWS Operations Co-ordinator that there will be tree clearing in stage 2G of the landfill in early-2011. There will be a tree replacement program conducted elsewhere on the site.

4.2 Site Capacity

L Boyd asked if the likely completion date of the landfill is 2024. P Menon confirmed that it was, but advised that its likely the site will continue to operate as a waste transfer station after landfilling has finished.

4.3 Bats

L Boyd advised that large numbers of bats fly over and roost in the area. She asked if they cause any problems at the landfill. P Menon advised that they did not.

5.0 CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 3.20pm. The next meeting of the Group is due in December 2010. A date and time will be advised in due course.

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Dear George

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE ON LANDFILL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

Reference is made to your recent resignation from the Browns Plains Landfill Community Consultative Group.

The purpose of this correspondence is for both Council and the Group to express sincere thanks for your efforts.

Indeed, the whole Logan community is indebted to you for your regular attendance at Consultative Group meetings for almost two years since September 2008. Council has been particularly grateful for your ongoing views of landfill management from the perspective of a resident and a landfill user.

Please note that, should your circumstances change in future, your return to the Group would be welcomed.

Again, thank you for your service.

Yours faithfully

Pravin Menon
Waste Services Manager
(on behalf of John Oberhardt, Acting Chief Executive Officer)