

South West Devon Waste Partnership

Thursday 22 October 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Croad, in the Chair.
Councillor Tyerman, Vice Chair.
Councillors King and Vincent.

Observer Members: Councillor Ian Doggett and Councillor Michael Leaves.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Coker and Hart.

Also in attendance: Jane Ford (MVV Community Liaison Officer), Ian Hartley (TC Project Officer), Gemma Pearce (Democratic Support Team Leader), Ashleigh Sherrell (SWDWP PFI Project Co-ordinator), Martyn Stapleton (SWDWP Assistant Contract Manager), Mark Turner (SWDWP Project Director), David Whitton (DCC Head of Capital Development and Waste Management) and Uwe Zickert (Managing Director MVV).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.15 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

77. **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Agreed that in accordance with the Joint Working Agreement Schedule C clause 4 –

- (1) Councillor Roger Croad, Devon County Council is appointed as Chair until the first meeting of the Joint Committee after 1 May 2016;
- (2) Councillor Alan Tyerman, Torbay Council is appointed as Vice-Chair until the first meeting of the Joint Committee after 1 May 2016.

78. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by members in accordance with the code of conduct.

79. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2014 were agreed.

80. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

81. **Project Update and Overview of Project Communications**

Mark Turner (SWDWP Project Director), provided an update on the project and an overview of project communications.

Members were advised that –

- (a) the Acceptance Test Certificate had been received and full service commenced on 10 September 2015;
- (b) electricity was now being exported to HMNB Devonport;
- (c) a minor snagging programme for the remaining works was in place;
- (d) the plant had been taken off-line several times due to feedstock composition, one occurrence of which had attracted media interest;
- (e) odour issues continued to be investigated;
- (f) MVV continued to take a proactive lead on communications and had carried out leaflet drops, produced newsletters and held site visits for interested groups;
- (g) in the last six months there had been –
 - eight media stories
 - 47 complaints (38 odour complaints, nine noise complaints)
 - six enquiries from local residents
 - five compliments from members of the Incinerator Liaison Committee/local residents.

The Chair thanked Mark Turner for his update.

82. **Energy from waste facility performance and current status**

Uwe Zickert (MVV's Managing Director), provided members with an update on the performance and status of the EfW facility.

Members were advised that –

- (a) during commissioning the facility had passed a series of thorough tests and on 15 May 2015 the first waste was lit in the boiler;
- (b) the final stages of commissioning took place in early October 2015;
- (c) 77,000 tonnes of waste had so far been diverted from landfill, resulting in a significant reduction in waste miles and carbon emissions;
- (d) finishing works were underway, including the landscaping and creation of a

drainage swale and wildlife pond to the north west of the facility.

The Chair thanked Uwe Zickert for his update.

83. **Community liaison presentation**

Jane Ford (MVV Community Liaison Manager), provided members with a presentation summarising the community liaison update.

Members were advised that –

- (a) MVV continued to engage with local schools, colleges and the wider community to offer site tours and waste, energy and environmental workshops;
- (b) the facility incorporated a purpose-built visitor centre and a roof garden;
- (c) the woodland adjacent to the facility was accessible from the site, and allowed visitors to participate in nature trails and outdoor activities;
- (d) bespoke workshops and tours to link with topics covered in the new National Curriculum (in addition to local, national and international initiatives) were on offer to local primary and secondary schools;
- (e) work experience and placements were available to those who wished to pursue a career in the industry;
- (f) site tours could be arranged via Jane Ford;
- (g) the visitor centre was available for community groups to use for meetings and events (free of charge to community groups).

The Chair thanked Jane Ford for her presentation.

84. **Date and location of next meeting**

There was no proposed date for the next meeting. A date would be circulated when it was set.