

**DUNBAR ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY (ERF)
& LANDFILL RESTORATION**

STAKEHOLDER LIAISON GROUP

14th June 2017

Conference Room I Dunbar Landfill Restoration I Dunbar

• **PRESENT:**

Barry Falgate (BF)	Viridor
Scott Reynolds (SR)	Viridor
Mark Conway (MC)	Viridor
Willa Straker-Smith (WSS)	Viridor
Katie Colquhoun (KC)	Viridor
Martin Grey (MG)	Pennon
James Cox (JC)	Pennon
Sarah Miezeitis (SM)	SEPA
Stephen Bunyan (SB)	Dunbar Community Council
Jacquie Bell (JB)	Dunbar Community Council
James Thorburn (JT)	West Barns Community Council
Sam Cameron (SC)	West Barns Community Council
Pauline Hood (PH)	Cockburnspath Community Council

• **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Elisabeth Wilson (EW)	East Lammermuir Community Council
Keith Allison (KA)	SEPA
Ian Brocklebank (IB)	SEPA

• **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

One amendment has had to be made to the 29th March 2017 meeting minutes:

SM advised that Viridor would be compliant with permit.

This has now been amended, to state:

SM advised that Viridor would be compliant with permit however this compliance rating would be subject continuous monitoring.

- **MATTERS ARISING:**

JB raised awareness of a planning applications submitted for additional housing developments within the local area.

- **OPERATIONS & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Landfill Restoration

BF welcomed colleagues, regulators, elected members, authority partners and residents to the group.

BF provided an overview of site operations and waste inputs into the landfill.

BF provided an update on planned restoration works, including an explanation into the capping process

BF advised that 4.3mw of electricity is being generated from the sites landfill gas engines.

BF advised that the tonnage of soil has incread coming into the site, this material will be used for the restoration of the site.

WSS provided an update on the planned engineering works at the landfill, creating an additional void.

WSS provided an overview of the capping process at the landfill and the materials used.

PH enquired how the landfill operates. BF provided a provided an overview of the site operations. In addition BF provided an overview of site history and advised that when Viridor began operating at Dunbar landfill in 1997 it was one of the first landfills to be lined.

BF invited the Liaison Group to tour the landfill at their convenience.

BF advised that there had been no complaints since last meeting.

BF advised that as per the SEPA annual compliance assessment, Dunbar continues to be ranked as 'Excellent'.

MG advised that the site has had held this ranking for the past seven years

MG advised that due to the good practices carried out on site, Radio 4's File on 4 featured the site as an example of best practice.

SB advised that BF and wider landfill team should be commended for the good work they do.

BF advised that there had been a small fire but this was handled by staff.

BF advised that the site had one vandalism incident.

- **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

Energy Recovery Facility (ERF)

SR provided an overview of the ERF construction progress by showing the drone footage from May 2017.

SR provided an update on the progress to date and overview of how the facility will operate.

SR provided an update on the waste cranes being installed above the waste bunker.

SR highlighted the layout of the site, detailing where the Visitor Centre would be.

JB enquired about the sewage connection at the facility. SR advised that the site is not sewer connected, advising that the site is self-contained. SR provided an overview of the rain water harvesting process carried out on site.

SC enquired about the operational hours of the ERF. SR advised that the plant would operate a shift system 24/7. MG advised that the site would employ 55 people.

PH enquired would there be deliveries at night. MC advised this would be reduced to one delivery an hour.

JB enquired if there was any update on the heat plan. MG advised that Viridor are not required to provide an update until next year when the annual report is submitted.

- **REPORT:**

SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

- **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

KC provided an update on East Lothian organisations that had benefited from a donation for Viridor Charitable Donations Committee.

KC provided an update on Viridor Credits and the board members tour of projects in Scotland.

MG provided an overview of Viridor's Education partnership with the Engineering Development Trust (EDT). EDT encourage the uptake of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths as subject choices at school.

MG provided an update on the EDT final at the Scottish Parliament, Preston Lodge Academy where at the prestigious event representing East Lothian.

JB noted the importance in STEM education.

MG advised that Viridor has been a key supporter of EDT for the last seven years, at the first event 82% of the participants were male now it is 62%. More females are considering roles in Engineering.

KC advised that Viridor were pleased to be a continuing sponsor of the Dunbar Lifeboat Day.

- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

2017

Wednesday 4th October 2017 - 11:30hrs at Viridor Dunbar.

2018

Wednesday 7th February 2018 - 11:30hrs at Viridor Dunbar.

Wednesday 6th June 2018 - 11:30hrs at Viridor Dunbar.

Wednesday 3rd October 2018 - 11:30hrs at Viridor Dunbar.