

Altona Complex Neighbourhood Consultative Group (ACNCG) and AGM

Held on Thursday, 2 November 2017
Hobsons Bay City Council, 115 Civic Pde, Altona
Commencing at 6.00pm

Present:

ACNCG Resident Members

Chris Rider

QENOS

Robert Berton

Les Harman

Andrew Lake

Nick Young

WorkSafe

Not Present

EPA

Anita Scordia

Council Representatives

Sarah Bartolo

Brendan Murphy

Cr Sandra Wilson

DOW

KC Lim

Agustin Risso

Nivanyah Kukan

City West Water

Joe Messina

1. Welcome/Apologies

Cr Sandra Wilson opened the meeting at 6.13pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Judy Hindle

2. Invitation for comments by visitors

No visitors.

3. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting Held 11 May 2017

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 11 May 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Moved: Andrew Lake

Seconded: Chris Rider

Carried

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous minutes on 10 November 2016.

No actions from previous minutes.

Company Reports

5.1 Dow EMT report

KC updated the members as follows:

- Safety Case submitted in October. More than 5,000 hours invested into safety case since early 2017
- Emergency plan conducted with MFB, Vic Police and Hobsons Bay Council in mid September 2017
- Worksafe follow up visit scheduled for January 2018
- No injuries since May 2016
- No recordable containment loss since August 2015

EPA

Major industries assessment carried out in September 2016 and day after received remedial notice to conduct further review on emissions.

CWW

Compliant with current trade waste agreement. All trade waste licences prepared end of month, less variations to their licence.

WorkSafe

No reportable events
4 visits to plant

EH & S Improvement Plan

Upgrade to boom lift with automated horn
Improved spill protection at three bulk loading stations
Replacement of pumps on bulk storage tanks

2018 Key Project

Aim to achieve 99% destruction efficiency with incineration to route process vents that will not impact on current EPA licence
Project to commence in February 2018

Cr Sandra Wilson asked whether the groundwater being tested on various sites in Altona P-9 College presented any visible sightings to be concerned about.

Andrew Lake responded that they'd need to check with the college however there was a lot of interaction with the community. There were letter drops and notifications on the website. There were no direct queries. Cr Sandra Wilson questioned what would elicit a response.

5.2 Qenos EMT report

Andrew updated members on Qenos since May 2017.

Community Engagement

- Joint August EMT meeting held at DOW.
- 3 complaints. One complaint on 22nd September due to unplanned shutdown (maintenance cleaning) on SCAL1 off spec, this was unavoidable. Two complaints on 1st October regarding flare size, noise and large glow in cloud due to low cloud coverage. Flaring was from SCAL2 off spec due to a fuel gas upset. The fuel gas system tuning has been modified to reduce the risk of a recurrence.

- Attended Council Municipal Emergency Response drill on 30th October. Many different views amongst authorities. Shelter and placement in relation to evacuation discussed, police stated they do not have enough resources to evacuate everyone in the case of an emergency evacuation.

Regulatory Interface

- EPA site assessment on historical firefighting foam use impact submitted in Aug 2017 with clean up plan to be submitted in March 2018
- New EPA officer visited Qenos on 25th October to become familiar with site
- Noise environment improvement plan progress report was submitted in August CWW – No current issues. Olefins trade waste licence due for renewal early 2018
- Worksafe – Fourth safety case submitted. At present only received verbal notification of approval for 5 year licence.

2017 Reflection

- Not achieving level of performance desired from organisations' leaders, contractors, employees, still opportunity to improve risk identification and hazard awareness
- Performance indicators significant progress
- Environmental Management System update for ISO-14001 – Progressing well for 2018 accreditation
- Shutdown of Lummus furnace completed, community noise being monitored, and Charles Road data looks good, Galvin St Data variable, further investigation required.
- Planned shut down in Jan/Feb completed with no complaints or compliance issues, good outcome.
- Ongoing challenges with natural gas and high energy costs
- Electricity and gas crisis business challenge for Qenos
- Product development - Less material used for new milk bottle product, light weight
- 'No Dig' strategy - Case study on website. Good outcome in product development, more cost effective trenchless installation with less erosion and pipe maintenance.

Chris Rider asked how they planned to overcome their gas issue. Andrew Lake responded: Reduce costs, improve revenue, new products, reorganising workflow

2018 Focus

- SHE performance – Continue emphasis on leadership and development
- Business outlook - Planned maintenance work in March/April 2018
- Product development – product release of new milk bottle
- Andrew Lake commented on Operation Clean Sweep – A number of projects are progressing to improve containment of 'polyethylene fluff and pellets' Plastics site. Team working on new design and extra protection to prevent PE pellets on trucks leaving worksite. Cr Sandra Wilson noted Beach Patrol was collecting plastics.

In regards to the recent flaring, Chris Rider stated that the flare was more noticeable due to low cloud that evening. Chris also commented that his neighbour was worried and quite panicky and noted that no-one seems to know the environmental hotline. Chris also commented that companies should do more than only distribute letter drops as too much junk mail is being received and may be missed by residents.

6. Hobsons Bay City Council report

Brendan Murphy updated members on relevant Planning Applications.

- Innovia site and soil remediation facility highly contested, Innovia on-sold to EnviroPacific and there has been construction taking place since February 2016.
- Unsure of completion time, 85% complete, occupancy certificate should be issued prior to Christmas.

- Old BASF site – no applications to HBCC. BASF still lander holders, caveat held since late 1950's for petrol chemical use. Purpose of caveat – needs to be compatible with surrounding industries.
- Multiple petrol stations questioned, all based on individual merits.
- Refer to provided link below regarding applications for multiple petrol stations.

<https://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-Meeting-Applicaions-of-Interest-November-2017-A2738648.pdf>

Chris Rider commented about warehouse noise at 3am near Jordan Close. Brendan Murphy stated complaints have subsided regarding forklift noise since companies changed to 'broadband beeps'. Anita from EPA noted that the EPA was more dedicated to assisting with these issues.

7. Community Complaints

Les reported on complaints received from May 2017 to November 2017. Link provided below.

<https://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Nov-2017-Complaints-.pdf>

8. General Business

- Charter update – No need to change purpose, simplified language and reflects the change of meetings.
- Les requested any further comments regarding the charter to be provided by the end of November and suggested it be published thereafter.
- ACNCG participants happy with change of structure from three to two meetings.
- Community involvement still an issue.
- EMT meetings and flow of information adequate.
- Suggested ACNCG be posted on Council website.

9. Chris declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

10. Chris Rider handed over Chair to Brendan Murphy.

11. Brendan Murphy declared the AGM open at 8.07pm.

12. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting held 14 July 2016.

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 14 July 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Moved: Andrew Lake

Seconded: Cr Sandra Wilson

13. Nominations for Elected Members – Residents

The following members were nominated:

Chris Rider

Moved: Cr Sandra Wilson

Seconded: Rob Berton

Carried

14. Nominations for Appointed Members and Sub-Committees

Appointed Members

Hobsons Bay City Council

Cr Sandra Wilson, Chairperson

Brendan Murphy (Manager Planning, Building & Health Services)

Sarah Bartolo (Minutes Secretary)

Qenos

Andrew Lake

DOW

KC Lim

WorkSafe

Brian Moody – Les to contact

CWW

Joe Messina

EPA

Anita Scordia – Need to verify

Moved:

Nivanyah Kukan

Seconded:

KC Lim

Carried

Cr Sandra Wilson questioned whether we need to consider EnergySafe Victoria and their involvement in the ACNCG. It was noted we should formally write and invite them to participate.

Enviropacific Services are to be invited to join the ACNCG

15. Invitation for comments by Members

KC Lim question why Worksafe did not attend. It was noted they are invited however it is a matter of priority. Worksafe respect process however placing resources where most needed.

Cr Sandra Wilson suggested ACNCG members need to reflect on how better to interact with the community and how we structure these meetings. Sandra believes format of the meetings are bamboozling and we need to find new ways of improving attendance and engaging with community members.

16. The AGM was declared closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10 May 2018.