

Altona Complex Neighbourhood Consultative Group (ACNCG) and AGM

Held on Thursday, 8 November 2018
Hobsons Bay City Council, 115 Civic Pde, Altona
Commencing at 6.00pm

Present:

ACNCG Resident Member

Chris Rider

QENOS

Robert Berton
Les Harman
Nick Young
Duncan Laslett

WorkSafe

Not Present

EPA

Not Present

EPS

Tristan Roberts

Council Representatives

Maryanne Robertson
Brendan Murphy
Cr Sandra Wilson

DOW

KC Lim
Justin Jones

City West Water

Joe Messina

Visitors

Mark Furlan
Troy Ryan

1. Welcome/Apologies

Cr Sandra Wilson opened the meeting at 6.10pm and welcomed everyone.
Apologies: Andrew Lake, Anita Scordia EPA and ESV.

2. Invitation for comments by visitors

Mark commented he contacted Council regarding smell and noise from Qenos and the person that he spoke to indicated that it is not a Council responsibility and should be taken up with the EPA. Brendan Murphy advised he will have follow up discussion with Mark.

3. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting Held 10 May 2018

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 10 May 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Moved: Chris Rider

Seconded: Les Harman

Carried

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of the previous minutes on 2 November 2017.

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV): Invitation to attend ACNCG meeting. Unable to attend this meeting but will consider future meetings when relevant.

ACNCG Meetings need to be advertised on Council's website – Upcoming Events. Need to develop process to post ACNCG meetings on council website

5. Agenda Review

Identify general business items to be discussed.

6. Company Reports

6.1 Dow update and look 2019 ahead

KC updated the members as follows:

- Safety Case Dow granted 5 year unconditional MHF license
- Brief summary will be shared by Safety Case Coordinator
- Zero recordable injury since May 2016
- One recordable containment loss in March 2018 of 4-29 kg of non-hazardous product into inadequate secondary containment.

EPA

- Annual Performance Statement (APS) and National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) reporting submitted in September.
- Three improvement notices on environmental risk assessment, site assessment and air emissions have been completed and Dow has received revocation notices.

Worksafe

- No reportable events.
- 1 oversight visit since granting of renewed MHF license.

City West Water

- 1 license condition exceedance (Glycol) in June 2018.

Company Activities and Updates

- Route process vent containing oxide vapour to site boilers for incineration to further improve oxide emission.
- 99% destruction efficiency, further protect environment.
- USD 1.2 MM.
- Project commence in Feb 2018.
- EPA Works Approval division sighted the project in July 2018.
- Mechanical Completion in Oct.
- At commissioning stage now.
- After commissioning, Energy Safe Victoria will also verify incineration system.

Workforce Diversity & Inclusion

- 5 different countries represented with 6 different languages/dialect spoken.
- TTR
- First female operator in the 57 year history of Altona site.

Production challenges

- Energy prices increased, electricity prices doubled 2018.
- Asian production has affected exports products.

Cr Sandra Wilson asked how many employees – 40+ employees.

Cr Sandra Wilson asked for further questions – no questions.

6.2 EPS update and look 2019 ahead

Solve updated members as follows.

Solve update

- Located at Dow site in Altona, 25,000m² (2.5 Ha) with a 15 year lease.
- Thermal treatment facility for contaminated soil.

Operational Overview

- Plant construction & commissioning completed May 2018.
- July to Present: Proof of Performance (PoP) Testing & Reporting.
- Over 8,000 tonnes of contaminated soil:
 - Successfully thermally treated to meet EPA fill level criteria.
 - Converted from going to landfill as contaminated waste.
- Operating 5 days per week
- Currently employing 16 people.

Cr Sandra Wilson enquired about the trucks route to the site – trucks will avoid Millers Rd and generally opt to access the site from the Princes Freeway along Kororoit Creek Road.

Works Approval

- 100,000 tonnes per annum, 24/7 operations.

Proof of Performance (PoP)

- PoP testing is conducted under EPA issued Section 30A approvals – allowing receipt, storage, commissioning and test using contaminated wastes.

Chris Rider asked about Heat processing:

Do they mix contaminated products – If necessary based on calorific value. Initially all products are kept separate but may be blended prior to thermal processing.

Is the soil from the Tunnel project contaminated and will it be processed by Solve – Yes it is contaminated and may be treatment by Solve and other companies.

Is this checked for contamination after processing – Yes checked every hour.

Cr Sandra Wilson asked:

How do you handle large quantities, storage and balance – The thermal system has capacity to treat 1 truck and trailer (approx. 30t) per hour. Our internal storage areas (including dust and odour ventilation system) have capacity to receive one truck load every 10 minutes.

Site Risks – if there is an energy upset the control system has the capability to shut down system.

Is there tours of plant – Solve will organise tour.

Greenhouse effects – Solve have refined processing to use less gas.

Safety

- 1 lost time injury reported since May 2018.

Loss of Containment

- 2 minor releases one of activated carbon from building ventilation stack for 60-90 seconds and one of treated water to stormwater pit.

Workcover

- No reportable incidents

Citi West Water

- No reportable incidents

2019 Look Ahead

- Staff levels increase from 16 to 25 over coming 12 months.
- Operating hours expected to increase to 24/6.
- Multiple projects to improve heat recovery and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Plans to add further matrices and additional contaminants.

6.3 Qenos update and look 2019 ahead

Qenos updated members as follows.

Qenos actions arising (nil)

Community

- Joint August EMT meeting held at Dow – Minutes in meeting papers
- Complaints – Flare noise, two in August due to off spec event and odour on 11 October due to water flushing in tank 809.

Regulatory Interface

- EPA issued Clean Up Notice to implement PFAS Clean Up Plan.
- City West Water – Nil
- Worksafe – Verification audit completed, Benzene licence audit completed.

- Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) – Annual reports submitted to ESV, DELWP in September, Provided input to DELWP about land use planning near MHFs.

PFAS Update

- PFAS Clean Up Plan accepted by EPA
- EPA Clean Up Notice issued for implementation of Clean Up Plan including:
 - Reporting of progress to EPA
 - Resins Tank trial area capping to be installed.
 - Ongoing groundwater and stormwater monitoring
 - High PFOS content foams to be sent for destruction in 2019. Cr Sandra Wilson queried foam quantities for disposal – Qenos has 3000 Liters for disposal
- Replacement of remaining C8 foam with C6 foam is on hold.
 - Uncertainty about future regulations
 - Fluorine free foam developments.

2018 Reflection

Leadership and workforce engagement.

- 2 reportable injuries.
- Community complaints – above plan
- Leadership teams engaged in SHE strategy review program
- Individual accountability for performance outcomes improving.
- Safety Dashboard implementation complete for Process/ Personnel and Environmental areas.
- EMS updating in 2018 to achieve ISO-1400 accreditation in 2020
- Shutdown of SCAL-2 Lummus furnaces as last remaining Noise EIP item completed.
- Charles Rd noise good and Galvin St has been variable.
- Monitoring program put in place.

Mark (resident) asked how they could call Charles St noise levels Good – Explanation is that noise levels during monitoring are meeting EIP objectives.

Mark commented that he believed the Olefins waste water pond was the source of odour.

Duncan responded that investment funds of \$220k have been allocated for 2019 that will be utilized to help eliminate odour. This would include consideration of odour impact from waste water pond and other areas.

2019 Focus

- SHE performance
 - On going leadership and workforce engagement
 - Planning for new workforce as age profile indicates workforce changeover in upcoming years will be significant
 - Embedding the SHE Dashboard
 - Operational reliability and efficiency improvements
 - Implement PFAS Clean Up Plan actions
 - Flare improvement team to continue
 - Continued focus on granule & fluff containment at Plastics
 - \$220K allocated for Odour reduction in 2019 and further \$200K in 2020 if required.
- **Business outlook**
 - Pressure will remain from energy costs.

7. Regulator Updates

- City West Water, EPA, Worksafe and other – All fine

8. Hobsons Bay City Council Report

Brendan Murphy updated members as follows.

- Burns Rd Grasslands – controlled burn for growth of flora and fauna, report due October.
- Jordan Close – Permit extended to expire 2020, has native grassland north side of Railway land.
- Maidstone Street. Amended plans 10 small warehouses and mezzanines level added.
- Jordan Close northern side 28 self storage units 54 m2, applicant required to submit more information
- 209 Self storage shipping containers, landscaped, access Kororoit Crk Rd and Citiwest Court.
- Slough Estate – Subdivision
- Horsburgh Drive – expiry of permits.
- Inland Port – extract from eWest newsletter
- [Link to ACNCG Meeting Applications of Interest November 2018](#)

Chris asked any permit for BASF site – Not at this stage.

Nick queried if there are to be any caretaker facilities in shipping containers site – Brendan responded No.

9. Complaint Report

- August 2018 – Flare noise Charles and Cobham Rd.
- October 2018 – Noise and Odour Galvin St and Maidstone St.

Mark said in a discussion with EPA they indicated that 160 compliant calls related to Qenos had been received. Qenos has recently checked with EPA and confirmed that EPA had received 51 compliant calls related to Qenos for 2017/ 2018

10. General Business

- Council's website to be updated with meeting details in Upcoming Events
- Schedule of future meeting on website.
- OPLE - Council to extend invitation to attend meeting.

Cr Sandra Wilson said she would like to talk to the ACNCG companies about pest control management for next meeting.

- Need to supply link to Biodiversity policy.

11. Close of meeting 8.15pm

12. Cr Sandra Wilson declared the AGM open at 8.15pm.

13. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting held 10 July 2018

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday 10 July 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Moved: Chris Rider

Seconded: Rob Berton

14. Nominations for Elected Members – Residents

The following members were nominated:

Chris Rider
Mark Furlan
Troy Ryan

Moved: Cr Sandra Wilson
Seconded: Rob Berton

Carried

15. Nominations for Appointed Members and Sub-Committees

Appointed Members

Hobsons Bay City Council

Cr Sandra Wilson, Chairperson
Brendan Murphy (Manager Planning, Building and Health Services)
Kim Sayell (Minutes Secretary)

Genos
Andrew Lake

Dow
Justin Jones

Worksafe
Brian Moody

CWW
Joe Messina

EPA
Billy Gray

EPS
Tristan Roberts

Moved: Chris Ryder
Seconded: Rob Berton

16. The AGM was declared closed at 8.24pm