



**Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**  
**Woodlawn Bioreactor Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Opened:** At 5:33 pm

**Present:**

Gill Shepherd (Chair)	Cr D Sturgiss (GMC)
Henry Gundry (Veolia)	Judy Alcock (TADPAI),
Cr M O'Neill (GMC)	Neil Shepherd (TADPAI)
Scott Martin (GMC)	Andrew Lawry (Heron)
Brian Hearne (Heron)	Vanessa Toparis (Veolia)
Keith Hunter (Community Rep)	

**Apologies:** Cid Riley

Margaret moved apologies be accepted, Neil seconded.

**Welcome:** The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

- Judy sought a correction to the statement by Henry at the previous meeting regarding the Tarago Village Plan where he said it was a community generated plan, funded by Veolia. Judy requested the minutes be amended to read that the document is not a community-generated plan, but a document generated by Elton with input from the community and funded by Veolia.
- Gill corrected typo in the reference to the men's shed.
- Gill moved that the previous meeting minutes were accepted as tabled with amendments. Moved Judy Alcock, seconded Neil Shepherd

**Matters Arising:**

- Henry Gundry said letter of thanks from committee to Larry Meng had been written.
- Cr M O'Neill asked Chair if committee would send a letter of thanks to Veolia for the successful launch of the MBT. Motion moved by Cr O'Neill, seconded Cr D Sturgiss. Moved.
- Henry Gundry issued the committee an apology for the miscommunication of last week's meeting date and any inconvenience caused.
- Gill Shepherd raised issues arising from the committee's charter, including what constitutes a quorum. Suggested charter review discussion to be held over to next meeting to not hold up today's meeting.
- Cr M O'Neill stated a quorum was generally half committee membership plus one.
- Gill Shepherd stated the committee's quorum was not specified in the charter. Gill also raised the meeting frequency stated in the charter that the committee was to meet every



two months but now meets quarterly, and asked for background information for that change.

- The committee discussed various points for and against meeting more regularly. Any changes would need to be updated in the charter. Cr M O'Neill suggested raising a motion at this meeting to confirm meeting frequency, and moved the following motion:

*Motion:* Committee meetings to be held every three months, meeting quorum to be half plus one and meetings to continue to be held at Veolia offices.

Keith Hunter seconded motion and suggested an amendment to meeting frequency being that meetings were to be held a minimum of every three months. Cr M O'Neill accepted alteration to motion.

Gill Shepherd added that may need to consult with Department of Planning for committee requirements.

Motion was put to committee and carried.

### **Woodlawn Operational Update:**

#### **Odour Management**

- Henry reported 11 odour complaints had been logged through EPA since last meeting, all coming from one geographical area, primarily from the village.
- Planning modification directly linked, still waiting on final approval for leachate treatment plant which is being somewhat delayed by consultation with various departments. September 2018 has been the deadline outlined by the EPA to commission the new plant. This is all subject to planning approval being received by the end of November. Veolia has funding ready and is ready to issue contracts to the successful tenderers
- Run Energy have been engaged again to audit the gas system again, and provide recommendations to continue to improve.
- Scott Martin questioned if there was consideration between EPA timeframes and Department of Planning timeframes. Latest advice from Dept Planning is approval will be granted mid-December. Intentions of Veolia to begin construction before the Christmas period.

#### **WBE Generation**

- Electrical Generation 31,000MWh
- Veolia is heading for biggest generation year.
- Veolia is in the final stages of installing the 7<sup>th</sup> Generator

#### **Waste Tonnage Disposal Data (YTD, end of October)**

- Tonnes
  - Sydney to Bioreactor (Clyde/Banksmeadow) 535,500t
  - Local Waste Volumes 31,500t
  - MBT (Residual to Bioreactor) 28,400t
  - Sydney to MBT (Clyde/Banksmeadow) 48,900t

- Henry reported Veolia was still managing defects from the MBT build but had taken 48,000 tonnes since the opening. MBT is operating at 85% capacity.



- Veolia was only a few weeks away from giving Heron compost.
- Cr D Sturgiss asked if compost had an odour, Henry replied that it had an earthy-compost smell, typical of a normal green waste compost
- Keith Hunter asked if Veolia received green energy credits applied to energy generation, Henry Gundry confirmed that the Power Station generated the relevant LGCs.

### **Train Management**

- Henry reported nothing had changed since last meeting but he has contacted Transport NSW which advised that they were awaiting Ministerial approval for the expansion of the existing crossing loop in Tarago
- Indicators suggest that no train will be operated on Christmas Day.
- Looking at alternatives with John Holland CRN in regard to management of third train. Considering a Bungendore option to enable all trains to be in before midday, taking into account the passenger train timetable.
- Cr M O'Neill asked if there has been any consultation with Veolia in regard to a very fast train, Henry Gundry replied that he was not aware of any recent consultation.
- Cr D Sturgiss asked if Veolia had responded to SEATS request last year in regard to their support in the siding development in Tarago. Henry stated that the Transport For NSW were already interested in improving the rail network between Goulburn and Canberra
- Henry Gundry said if the third siding was not approved Veolia may look at another option at the existing siding at Crisps Creek

### **Woodlawn - General Matters**

- Henry Gundry advised the recent restructure of Veolia's MBT management team, vacancy arising from resignation of former MBT manager has been filled internally.. Still looking to fill a number of staff positions, including a Bioreactor Operations Manager.
- Gill Shepherd asked at the MBT sod turning if local fire brigades could come and view facility, enquired whether this had been done. Henry Gundry responded that fire training would be held with staff this coming weekend and tours for local brigades would be organised. Site has just received a brand new water cart to support the local communities fire fighting capabilities
- Cr D Sturgiss asked if high flow water points at Woodlawn would be available to local brigades if fire occurred in the area, Henry Gundry replied that it would be.

### **Tarago Village Plan**

- Henry Gundry advised plan had now been updated with all feedback and submissions received and final draft would be on public exhibition as of next week.
- Said the plan was a living document which could be amended over time.
- Henry Gundry said plan development had taken more time than expected but needed to include all community feedback and comments. There were many suggestions received which are Council obligations and required further investigation and input.



- Judy Alcock stated that Elton Consulting should come back and present to the community so the all involved can hear all opinions. Judy Alcock said Warwick Bennett had undertaken to contact Elton for an update at last week's community outreach meeting held in Tarago.
- Keith Hunter said from the men's shed perspective he was very happy but personally he was disappointed with time the plan had taken to complete and the lack of feedback received. Said the longer the process continued the more people believed the draft was the final document, need to stop false perceptions getting around. Would like to see the feedback and why some items were included or excluded from the plan. Concerned showground was not included as it was out of Tarago village.
- Henry Gundry said facts need to be confirmed, rather than conjecture in the media as appeared recently.
- Gill Shepherd raised a question regarding the method and timing of plan's public exhibition. Said previous concern had been raised that a community workshop was held during the school holidays. Also asked who will sign off on the plan? Henry replied that he would get back to committee with details.
- Keith requested a question and answer session be held with the community.
- Neil suggested if another workshop was to be held it is opened to the whole community.
- Henry Gundry said when the plan was place on public exhibition the community would be able to see what Veolia can commit and contribute to.
- Cr M O'Neill said she believed Elton was going to address full Council regarding the plan and that she would bring this up with Council.

### **General Business**

1. Margaret asked if meeting minutes could be received by Council prior to 7 December for inclusion in business. Henry replied they would be.
2. In regard to TADPAI's odour survey Henry asked what was the intention of TADPAI to deal with the odour survey as the next steps were not made clear. Judy said she surprised at the results of the survey as the results were damning. Said TADPAI believes the committee owes the community and those who completed the survey a response on how the results will be managed. TADPAI wants Veolia to sit down with one or two people from the community to discuss as the survey is now 12 months old, preferably in early December. Wants to meet with Veolia's senior management. Said Cid Riley as the survey architect must be available to attend.
3. Keith Hunter asked whether the process for the small number of local organisations to receive annual funding from Veolia had changed. Henry replied that the process had not changed but he asked that organisations speak directly to himself.
4. Andrew Lawry suggested next year's meeting schedule to be included in minutes. The proposed 2018 dates would be:



Wednesday 21 February  
Wednesday 16 May  
Wednesday 15 August  
Wednesday 21 November

**Meeting Closed – 6.31pm**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 5.30pm**