

# Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Meeting

## Minutes

6:30pm to 8pm, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Boardroom

180 Smith Street, Woolston, Christchurch 8062

### Executive summary of minutes

#### Residents acknowledge improvements in odour compared to last year

Members of the community acknowledged there has been an improvement in odour compared to last year, although it still can be wind dependent.

It was noted and accepted that there will be disbelief and scepticism from the community due to past experience and until physical changes are observed with regards to the new site being built.

#### Ōtautahi Organics Processing Solution progressing

Ecogas are in the initial stages of its procurement process for the construction. They have started the tendering process and are working with several local businesses, where possible. CCC has granted the consent and ECan are processing the resource consent application. CCC reassured the community the project is on track, including the milestone of the resource consent being granted by February 2025.

#### Community board meeting scheduled to discuss the future use of Organics Processing Plant site

A meeting has been scheduled for the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board for 27 February 2025 to start conversations with the community board about the future use of the site. Council will share the details of this meeting with the community members in attendance.

**Action 1:** *Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) to inform community members in attendance of the details of the 27 February 2025 community board meeting regarding future use of the OPP.*

#### Living Earth update including 244 Dyers Road returned to Council, Pattle Delamore Partner's proactive odour monitoring, Tonkin & Taylor's biofilter review and Fulton Hogan's dust monitoring

During the monitoring period, dust levels were within the permitted limits, with no exceedances recorded. Dust monitors were later discussed, and there was a mention of boundary planting from the previous meeting. Changes at 244 Dyers Road were highlighted, where the area has been handed back to the CCC and is now occupied by their Heritage team with access via Dyers Road established. As a result, dust monitors have been moved and some of the boundary plantings are no longer part of the Living Earth (LE) site, but to clarify the resource consent will continue to be managed by Council.

Regarding odour, David McArdle (CCC staff) provided an update on Pattle Delamore Partners proactive odour monitoring with no compost odour detected in the residential zone during this reporting period.

Living Earth are continuing to engage Tonkin and Taylor to conduct a review of the biofilter. A thermographic review of the biofilter has been completed with initial findings showing no dead spots and a consistent temperature through the biofilter which is a positive outcome.

Dust during the peak season was raised and the breach last December mentioned. The community were reassured this breach was due to a higher volume of material being moved on site when the site was being cleared. Going into this peak season the site is already clear and will remain clear, therefore less material will be moved on site and less dust generated compared to last year.

**Action 2:** *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to investigate ECan dust monitoring pilot project for quarries and see if this is something that can be of benefit in Bromley.*

### **Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer questions arising from their CLG report**

Environment Canterbury (ECan) complaint responses discussed, and the community was encouraged to use the Smelt It app or call ECan to capture viable complaint data and address any issues.

**Action 3:** *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to investigate a potential outstanding question from the community raised at the February 2024 CLG.*

**Action 4:** *Geoffrey King (community) requested to provide his odour monitoring data to CCC Bromley shared mailbox ([Bromley@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Bromley@ccc.govt.nz)) at the start of February 2025 for the next CLG.*

**Action 5:** *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff), if possible, to provide feedback to the group regarding the reason for the delay in the Ecogas resource consent application due to information requested from the site landowner.*

**Action 6:** *Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to email David McArdle (CCC staff) by the 26 November with an update on response for the information request from Ecogas and if the application processing clock has resumed. David McArdle (CCC staff) to then update the group.*

### **General business**

Jackie Simmons (CCC elected member) shared she won't be able to attend future meetings due to starting teaching on a Tuesday night but will still follow how the CLG is progressing.

### **Concluding remarks**

Carl Pascoe (Chair) encouraged the community board and the community to start considering the future once the current issues are resolved. He believes it will be a real challenge for the community if they are accustomed to fighting, and then the issues that require fighting disappear - leaving them to face what comes next.

Any questions or feedback can be sent to [Bromley@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Bromley@ccc.govt.nz)

## Verbatim Minutes

**Chair** – Carl Pascoe

**CCC staff** – Alec McNeil, David McArdle, Rory Crawford

**CCC elected members** – Yani Johanson, Paul McMahon, Jackie Simmons

**LE** – Jaco Kleinhans, Chris van Niekerk

**ECan staff** – Lauren Hamilton

**ECan elected members** – Greg Byrnes

**Community** – Andrew Walker, Bruce King, Geoffrey King, Tania Seward (online), Vicky Walker

**Minutes** – Chantelle van der Merwe

**Apologies** – Lynette Ellis (CCC staff), Ruben Davidson (MP)

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Opened the meeting and suggested a round of introductions. Then requested apologies.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) and Ruben Davidson, MP for Christchurch East.

### 2. Confirm the previous meeting's minutes

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Raised the minutes of the last meeting.

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Pointed out that his surname is spelled incorrectly in the minutes and confirmed 'Byr' instead of 'Bry'.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Acknowledged this and confirmed Chantelle, our minute taker, will make sure it's captured correctly.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there are any other corrections to the minutes and nothing was raised. (else). On that basis, accepted the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.

### 3. Report back on actions from the previous meeting

**August 2024, Action 1:** *Living Earth to provide an update at November CLG on the annual biofilter assessment.*

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Sought confirmation from Living Earth that an update on the biofilter is in their report.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Correct.

**August 2024, Action 2:** Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) to convey to ECan staff that no one is under threat at the CLG meeting

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) if there is any progress in terms of the last meeting concerns of safety, etc.

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Replied that he did bring it up and it is in the minutes as well, it talks about the duty of care that senior staff have. He pointed out that they have a staff member there tonight, so the message got through.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Asked if Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) will be coming to the next meeting as he believes ECan change their representative at every meeting.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Replied that she has taken over the team in Christchurch, so she will be at the next meeting.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Asked if Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) has an answer to the question which has not been answered yet.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Replied that she didn't know what the question was.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Intervened and said we'll get to it. He understands there have been some staff changes.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Added they have had a restructure.

**August 2024, Action 3:** Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) requested ECan for the reporting of complaints in their CLG report to provide the time, date and complaint itself.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Suggested to Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) that his issue will be picked up in the ECan report and asked if it is all right with him.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Responded that is fine.

#### **4. Affected resident's felt experience reports and questions arising.**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Geoffrey to provide his numbers.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – 4 August a three out of six and two days at four out of six.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Geoffrey King (community) before he goes on if he can explain to the people what his scale is because there are several new people here.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Replied that they should know before they come.

*[The odour intensity scale ranges from zero to six as it part of the [Ministry for the Environment's Good Practice Guide for Assessing and Managing Odour.](#)]*

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Geoffrey King (community) to be reasonable about it.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – He said that the scale is six out of six for the odour. He only does what is a three and upwards. Three, four, five and six. He stated that one and two are not worth worrying about. For August, three days was three out of six, two days were four out of six, two days at five out

of six. September (nine days), four at three out of six, four at four out of six and one at five out six. October there were 13 days. Six at three out of six, six at four out of six and one at five out of six.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if this is a reduction from 12 months ago.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Replied yes because we had northwest and southwest winds and not many northeast winds. He mentioned that Bruce King (community) gets it worst at his place. Geoffrey King (community) has not smelled it, but Bruce King (community) has smelled it.

**Bruce King (community)** – Added that they are about 110 metres apart, it is just the way the wind comes through.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Bruce King (community) what was his experience in the last three months?

**Bruce King (community)** – He replied that he has complained and that there have been a few very bad times and other times when he has gone to work, he smelled but forgot about it because he works too hard to put it in. When he gets to work, he works hard for three to four hours and that's it, so he doesn't bother putting it in after that.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked the other residents there what their experience was in the last three months.

**Andrew Walker (community)** - Replied that it hasn't been as bad for him, there haven't been that many times where he has smelled it. It has improved for him.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Commented that he no longer rings up and complains.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Vicky Walker (community) to answer and told Geoffrey King (community) that he would come back to him.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – She commented that there has been not so many times but when she goes on her walk through the cemetery, with the wind blowing through, she does smell it. Then she turns around, goes back, and walks the other way to try and avoid it. But she cannot be bothered reporting it anymore, she has had enough. She cannot wait for it to move.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Added that it is on a schedule and that we would find out about that later. He did say that this is most probably as good as it gets given the changes that have been made.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – Agreed.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if they think that they would be able to have outdoor BBQs in the summer.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – Replied if we don't have an easterly [wind].

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Acknowledged that in their view it is still wind dependent.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – He does not ring up anymore because ECan does not come out or do anything. He stated that they were hopeless.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Commented that the reality is that it would be like this until it moves.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Commented another 3 years.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Replied that we will find out. The issue would be when the new plant is started and this plant is finished, then we will see what it means. He pointed out that the community still has doubts about that happening.

**Bruce King (community)** – Agreed that they do still have concerns because of the past experience over the last three years. They were told three times that it was going to be closed, and it is still going. They were told it was going to be modified and that \$20 million was assigned for it and the bill came back

at \$40 million, and that was the end of that discussion. They have not seen the outcome of the tender yet and whether the people are going to be able to get it built for the price they got the money for.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Acknowledged that for him the reality is that until it actually happens, he will still be sceptical.

**Bruce King (community)** – Agreed.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Commented that is going to move out to Hornby.

**Bruce King (community)** – Commented that it is Hornby's problem then.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Commented that should be out in the country.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – Commented that it [Hornby] is a totally different system.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Stated that it might be a totally different system, but it still smells. [Hornby Councillor] Mark Peters said when he went to Rotorua that he could smell it but couldn't smell it on the boundary. There is nothing upstairs to think that the wind blows and takes the stuff with it. If that is going to happen at Reporoa, it's going to happen here.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – Commented that we won't have to worry about it then, because it will be in the water.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Replied that we don't but it's gone to Hornby and it's the same problem for the same people in this city.

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Asked to comment on it. He goes back to when they met with Craig Pauling (Chair of ECan). Craig and their deputy chair (Deon Swiggs) both represent that area, and Craig [Pauling] gives his assurances that they are on it. With all the meetings we had together, it is not just going to be acceptable to leave it and hope for the best. That is not going to happen.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Replied to Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) that he is fed lies by the staff and that's the big problem.

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Confirmed that has got confidence in Craig [Pauling] and Deon [Swiggs].

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked the community board, as they represent residents, whether there was anything they wanted to add.

**Paul McMahon (CCC Elected member)** – Asked a clarity question: do you mean in terms of what people say about it?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Clarified what you hear about people's experiences living in the area.

**Paul McMahon (CCC Elected member)** – Replied that it backs up what the residents said in the meeting. It smells sometimes, but it is much better than it used to be. But can't wait for it to go.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if anyone else has anything from the resident's point of view before we move on.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Asked if Carl Pascoe (Chair) believes that they are freely going to go.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Replied yes.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Stated that he doesn't believe it, because ten years ago when they rebuilt it, they told them to shift it, but they took no notice.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Confirmed that it is very clear through all these meetings that there have been things said and done that have added to the resident's scepticism and disbelief in official statements. That is a given. You can't take it back – it happened. But equally carrying on with that in your brain, not accepting any potential new evidence of change is also not helpful, and so, it's a case of having 12/18 months to two years to see if the milestones get met along the way, for the new plant with regards to the consenting times, contracts led, building starts.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Commented that it might not be helpful, but its factual.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Replied yes, but we can't change that. He pointed out that until they see physical evidence, they will remain sceptical, and he realises that he cannot change that. He acknowledged [Councillor] Yani [Johanson] and said that he would come to him in a moment. The larger challenge then comes when if it does move and happens and you had a community of 15 years learning to fight the system, what does it mean for the community in the long term and how do you make it a community that heals itself? Those challenges would have to be talked through. He gave Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) his chance to say something.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – He agreed that it should have been moved when the CCC made the first decision rather than spending money on the existing site and that wasn't a CCC decision. But CCC has made the decision now to move it and CCC is fully committed to moving it. My understanding is they have an alternative option if something doesn't happen with the Hornby site, there is as part of the process they went through as CCC, he thinks there is an option if the worst-case scenario happens. Staff might like to talk about that if they want to. But his understanding was that from the decision that they made, it is going to be moved, and CCC is committed to doing it. It should have been done a lot sooner, but there is progress around moving it. He thinks the council has granted the consent and ECan is still working through their consent. There have already been tenders going out for civil works.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Tania Seward (community) whether there is anything from a resident homeowner point of view she wants to add.

**Tania Seward (community)** – Replied that there was nothing from her. Noting she hasn't been in Christchurch since visiting for the last meeting.

## **5. Christchurch City Council (CCC) report, including Ōtautahi Organics Processing Solution update, and questions arising**

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Compost is being removed from site directly from the tunnels, taken to Kate Valley and used as a capping material for the landfill, which is continuing. The outside area of the site remains clear, so all the processing is still happening indoors.

We are still engaging Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) as an external environmental consultant to conduct proactive odour monitoring in the Bromley area, and they are producing monthly reports. So, for the August to October reports there have been 12 dates of proactive odour monitoring in the community and on all of those dates no compost odour was detected in the Bromley residential area. All those reports are available on the council website.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Asked David McArdle (CCC staff) to say that again, please.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – David repeated over the three month reporting period, PDP were in the Bromley area doing proactive odour monitoring on 12 occasions, and during those 12 dates no compost odour was detected in the Bromley residential area.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there was anything else you want to add before we take questions.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Yes, he wants to touch on what Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) has said, there is an update on the OPF for the new processing facility in Hornby. Ecogas is in the initial stages of its procurement process for the construction, so they are working with several local businesses and have started the tendering process. CCC has granted the building consent, and their resources consent application is with ECan and they are processing it. Just to clarify neither CCC nor Ecogas has any indication of the timeline for the processing this consent, but at this stage, they still believe they can deliver it before the February project milestone that they've listed in the report.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Said that they are then on track as per the milestones listed in the report.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Two last items for me. Last CLG we touched upon about the future use of the OPP site. There has been a meeting scheduled for the Linwood community board for the 27 February 2025 to start conversations with the community board about the future use of that site, what that is going to look like and assessing the options. We will provide a place for the meeting as soon as they can. It does fall after the next CLG, so we can report back on this at the May 2025 CLG.

**Bruce King (community)** – Asked whether that is going to be an open meeting.

**David McArdle (ccc staff)** – He referred the question to Paul McMahon (CCC Elected member).

**Paul McMahon (CCC Elected member)** – Replied that all the meetings are open.

**Bruce King (community)** – Asked if they can be informed then when the meeting is held, time and place.

**Paul McMahon (CCC Elected member)** – Replied yes. They will make sure that they are included in that communication.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked that they make sure that the residents that have been involved here will get notified.

**Action 1:** *Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) to inform community members in attendance of the details of the 27 February 2025 community board meeting regarding future use of the OPP.*

**Bruce King (community)** – Pointed out a technical manner that which the report states it is tabled on the 19 September, so it can't be legally produced today.

**David McArdle (ccc staff)** – Asked what that part was.

**Bruce King (community)** – Replied on the top of the report it states that the report would be given on the 19 September, it's 19 November.

**David McArdle (ccc staff)** – Admitted it was just a typo by him.

**Bruce King (community)** – Stated that then it's going to be withdrawn from the meeting.

**Paul McMahon (CCC Elected member)** – Commented that we can acknowledge that as a typo.

**Bruce King (community)** – Replied that he knows that. He is just pointing out what has got to be done correctly.

**David McArdle (ccc staff)** – Confirmed that this report was finalised 10 days ago, and he will update it.



**Paul McMahon (CCC Elected member)** – Confirmed that it is not an official meeting under the local government so that doesn't apply. It's just a typo.

**Bruce King (community)** – Said okay.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Confirmed that the point was noted and responded to. Asked if there were any other questions from the table to CCC.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Asked about the timeframe for the consents being granted, there is only for the consents being lodged. He also asked about the construction team's date for them to enter. He asked if there was any information about those dates.

**David McArdle (ccc staff)** – Replied February 2025 is what was communicated publicly, and they will add more this date to the project timeline in CCC's CLG report.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked about February 2025, what is the milestone for.

**David McArdle (ccc staff)** – Replied that it is for the resource consent to be granted.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Asked if they can update where the consent is at and in terms of the tender being awarded, asked if there was a date.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked which tender is Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) talking about.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Answered the construction tender.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Commented that it will be an ECan question.

**David McArdle (ccc staff)** – Confirmed that he will touch base with Ecogas. This update has been reviewed by them and this was the high-level update they provided. The construction tender will go out between now and December 2025 and the construction should begin February 2025, but can seek confirmation on that.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there is anyone else that wants to ask something. No responses.

## **6. Living Earth answer any questions arising from their CLG report**

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – In the period we monitored the dust as per the resource consent conditions and there were no exceedances. Commented on 244 Dyers Road, which was handed back to CCC, and the site now has its own access from Dyers Road. Due to that part of the original site being cut off they've moved dust monitors that used to be in that area. Provided feedback on odour, as David McArdle (CCC staff) mentioned PDP are engaged by CCC, but LE continue to do their own onsite odour monitoring as normal. In addition, for the biofilter review they are continuing to engage Tonkin and Taylor. Tonkin and Taylor have started their process and completed a thermographic review of the biofilter. Initial indications are that there are no dead spots therefore consistent temperature through the biofilter, which is a good indicator.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Clarified that in Layman's terms for people like him, Tonkin and Taylor's testing is telling them that the biofilter is operating as it should.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Replied that it was correct. He added that they are waiting for the final report, but all the testing done has indicated that.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if anyone had any questions for Jaco Kleinhans (LE).

**Vicky Walker (community)** – Stated in December 2023 they had problems with above average monitoring results. She believes they get so much [kerbside organics] and they can't handle it.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Asked if she is referring to dust.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – She replied yes, dust. She asked what would happen this year.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Replied that last year, in December material was being stored outside and they were moving a lot of material to clear the site. The difference this year is that they don't have any of that [material outside to clear], they have a clean and clear site. That's why the dust is trending as it is onsite, and that it would remain low. He will expect that they will still see this [dust monitoring results] staying low.

He also said that there are some notes around the operation itself, and how it operates on a day-to-day basis. They are currently doing 14 days in the tunnels. For most days during peak period they are loading out every morning a tunnel of material. They start at about 6am, they would like to start earlier, but there are some restrictions at Kate Valley on how early they can start. They must work within their consent.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if he is confident that their current operating ability would continue even through the peak season including December.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Confirmed that he is confident.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked what if grass clippings turn up.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Confirmed that they are already there, they see the inputs going up.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Commented that the dust seemed to be a bit better controlled and asked if that is what he is saying.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – She said that she doesn't see the problem with dust, but she knows that Carol and Bruce do.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Bruce King (community) what their experience is.

**Bruce King (community)** – Replied that they have a higher-pitched roof on their house and at the west end of it, where the wind comes in and over the top, they get a lot of dust. He cleaned out underneath the air conditioner that sits there, three times in the last six weeks, and every time it is full again. The only thing is the dust coming around the house and that's where you'll sometimes get the stink.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Commented that the dust is not coming from them. They are monitoring it onsite. It looks like the shopping centre's parking lot there, it is open asphalt, so there is nothing from their side.

**Andrew Walker (community)** - Asked if it is coming from the rubbish dump then.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Commented that he doesn't know which other sites have dust on them, we've got it, and you will see in our reports that there are background dust limits. There is a monitoring unit sitting across the pound in Dyers Road. which provides them with background dust limits. They can see that there is background dust in the area.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there could then be other sources of the dust.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Replied absolutely.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there is any way the source of that dust can be identified easily, given the impact it has on the residents.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Answered by saying that they did hear that ECan is looking at some sort of dust monitoring Smelt It program out in the west of the city, especially around the quarries, because there has been a lot of concern. There was going to be some sort of pilot project done around measuring dust, monitoring it, and then a response similar to what we did here. This is actually finally what got us some traction with addressing the complaints, but he is not sure where that's got to. He hoped that it could be something that gets done in this part of town, given the dust issues, but they also know that a quarry has had notices on non-compliance for dust in the past.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Commented that she can follow that up and find out what's happening.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if she could have a look and see what their dust monitoring ability is.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Replied that she will find out what they are doing there and then establish whether they can do something about it.

***Action 2:** Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to investigate ECan dust monitoring pilot project for quarries and see if this is something that can be of benefit in Bromley.*

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Mentioned that he did a few complaints about the Fulton Hogan's yard, so that's put through as well.

**Paul McMahon (CCC elected member)** – That's further up Maces Road. Towards Aranui there is a site that has had complaints that they have sand on the site and some of the local businesses would have referred them to Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) in the past. He doesn't know the name of the business.

**Andrew Walker (community)** – Commented Pearsons.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Added on your right as you go down Maces Road.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked whether even after this plant thing is dealt with, are we still going to have these issues with the dust. Mentioned that he is fascinated about the way we as a community manage to poison ourselves.

## **7. Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer questions arising from their CLG report**

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Commented they will tend to complaints as they get them. They only had five complaints last month and the team attended one. Two were not attended because of a health and safety risk to the staff and the other two were after hours, and they don't go out after hours.

She asked Bruce about his question from February, and whether that question was for ECan.

**Bruce King (community)** – Replied that he cannot remember what it was but thinks Geoffrey King (community) does.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Replied that he doesn't remember the question, but the question was asked in February 2024 and has not been answered yet.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Pointed out that she doesn't know what the question was.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Said he knows. He reiterated his point about ECan changing staff and the same staff don't come along to give them answers.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Suggested that Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) goes back to the February 2024 meeting.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Said she will go back to the minutes to see.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Geoffrey what meeting it was.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Replied that it was the February 2024 meeting, and they asked for it in May 2024, but a different person came. They asked again in August 2024 but nobody from ECan was there and they still haven't got an answer.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Said she will go back to see.

**Bruce King (community)** – Added that he thinks it had something to do with the consent changes and that it was being looked at legally.

**Vicky Walker (community)** – Said she thinks it was the consent changes for Kate Valley.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Said she will go and have a look. She then commented on Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) question about how long the resource consent application process is going to take. She doesn't know the answer to that, but she will follow it up.

***Action 3:** Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to investigate a potential outstanding question from the community raised at the February 2024 CLG.*

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Added that we can just keep on top of this if questions are asked.

There was a piece around correlating Geoffrey King (community) experience numbers against ECan Smelt It report numbers, but if they match.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Commented that they do nothing.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Added that if they don't report it, they won't know.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Suggested a useful tip to Geoffrey King (community) if ECan could copy his numbers.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Stated that they don't ring ECan because in the past they've phoned and ECan doesn't bother to go.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Commented that what he was going to say if that Geoffrey King (community) plotted his numbers on a graph we can see the trend change.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Added that then they can see why the numbers are that high, if they look back at what's happened and where it's come from, the wind, etc.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Commented that there was a question about the weather impact. We got to get the correlation between the experience of a resident who is diligent in his numbers with the numbers we get from the official system of ECan to look at whether it is a good correlation.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Pointed out that it won't be, if people are not reporting it.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Commented that they were going back three months.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Stated that they had 26 days of odour out of 31 days, last year.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked what is it now?

**Geoffrey King (community)** – They had 13 days this year.

**Bruce King (community)** – Confirmed that it has definitely dropped.

**Tania Seward (community)** – She agrees with the suggestion that Geoffrey King (community) supplies the actual dates with a rating out of six.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Confirmed that the dates are on his notes.

***Action 4:** Geoffrey King (community) requested to provide his odour monitoring data to CCC Bromley shared mailbox ([Bromley@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Bromley@ccc.govt.nz)) at the start of February 2025 for the next CLG.*

**Tania Seward (community)** – The second thing is that the app is not user-friendly for the people using it or that the phone calls are not being attended to. She asked what plans they have to increase the user ability of the app and if they could give the residents some sort of assurance that if they do call in, some sort of an update would be given back to them that afternoon or some way that they can know that their efforts to communicate with you have made a difference.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Replied that over the last month, they have responded when they have received Smelt It reports. But the fact is that they are not getting them.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Clarified that to be clear a number of the residents are saying that they have stopped using it [Smelt It] or reporting it [odour] because they see no value in doing so.

**Tania Seward (community)** – Asked if someone gives a report through the [Smelt It] app, whether there is anything that goes back to them via a response or a text message that says their response has been recorded.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Confirmed yes.

**Tania Seward (community)** – Asked if they follow up with them and say that they have actually gone to site.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Confirmed that they do and sometimes they meet with them on-site.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Reiterated that the answer is yes.

**Tania Seward (community)** – Added that in that case, the members of the community should just use the service because clearly, they are getting a response out of them, and without the data is incredibly difficult to work out the scale of the issue.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Confirmed that it is noted.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Continued that the other comments that Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) request for information has been submitted and will be responded to in their [CLG] report.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Confirmed that his aware and it is great, he is happy with their response time. He asked about the [Ecogas resource] consent [application]; it was lodged on the 17 July and ECan extended the timeframe to 40 working days. Then it was put on hold on 24 July to obtain written approval from the landowner, and his understanding is that there is also a request for more information about the air assessment, which was sent on 24 October. Then it says the applicant will provide ECan with the information by 25 November. So, his first question is willing that information

be put on the website, and will they be notified, because people are concerned about the air assessment? His second question is that it has been delayed and hasn't been processed in the original timeframe. He realises there may be reasons for it but wants more information on what the issue is with the written approval from the landowner.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Replied that she would have to find out for him.

***Action 5:** Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff), if possible, to provide feedback to the group regarding the reason for the delay in the Ecogas resource consent application due to information requested from the site landowner.*

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Added that he is happy with their response time as well. There have been a number of questions that Yani Johanson (CCC elected member) has emailed through, and they have all been responded to quickly, compared to what it was a year ago.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Added that the latest information he has is that a notification decision should be made before Christmas regarding the applicant's response. He thinks the problem is that as they have raised concerns that this is to be a top priority, other things that happened have held it up.

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Added that he thinks 25 November would be the date that this would be red flagged.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if anyone else has any information about the resource consenting process, what is being asked for and more details.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Responded she can follow this up.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there were any technical reports being sought, as that could sometimes hold the thing up.

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Requested that an email be sent to the group after the 25 November regarding whether they have received it or not.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – She will send through by Tuesday next week, the 26 November.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if she can send it through the day to David McArdle (CCC staff) and he can distribute it to everybody. He thinks that what they are hearing is because of the scepticism and doubt, people want to be kept informed throughout the process, and that will be helpful.

***Action 6:** Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to email David McArdle (CCC staff) on the 26 November with an update on response for the information request from the OPF site landowner and David McArdle (CCC staff) to then update the group.*

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Added that ECan has an excellent webpage with all the information, which is really useful. People just to be notified when it gets updated, so communication around that would be good. If they can also get clarity around the land ownership approval issue and what it was.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Confirmed that it is noted.

## **8. Any further questions about resource consent compliant for the Organics Processing Plant**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there were any other questions around the resource consent process.

**Bruce King (community)** – Commented he finds it strange that ECan wants to know from the owner whether it's okay to go ahead, are they not supposed to have that before the application goes in?

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – Replied that he wishes we could pinpoint the reasons, but it could be as minor as the landlord is away from Christchurch and hasn't filled in the paperwork yet.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – Added she will look into it.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked that there be some information about it. Asked if there was anything else, before moving to general business.

## **9. General business**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked if there are any issues anyone wants to raise.

**Jackie Simmons (CCC elected members)** – Informed the group that this is her last meeting, she will start teaching on a Tuesday night, however, she will still follow what is going on.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked what she is going to teach.

**Jackie Simmons (CCC elected members)** – Replied she teaches personal development.

## **10. Concluding remarks**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Stated that if there is nothing else, the meeting is now over. He thanked everyone. He wants to encourage the community board and the community to start thinking about what it will all look like after all this is done. He thinks it's a real challenge for a community if you been used to fighting and the fighting issues disappear. What are you left with?