

# Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Meeting

## Minutes

6:30pm to 8pm, Tuesday 20 February 2024

Waitai-Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Boardroom

180 Smith Street, Woolston, Christchurch 8062

### 1. Executive summary of minutes

#### Resolved actions from the previous meeting

Carol Anderson (community) raised that nobody from ECan had followed up with her about the black dust on her patio. Johannes Welch (ECan staff) offered to provide his card to Carol for her to follow up with him directly.

Carl suggested that the Terms of Reference for this group which were passed last year be retained for this coming period. All community members agreed.

#### Community in agreeance a reduction in odour from the Organics Processing Plant

Geoffrey King (community) tabled his odour report and commented that there has been less days of strong odour so far during February and he believes this to be due to wind patterns.

Carl asked other community members about their odour experience of late. Vickie Walker (community), Michael Walker (community) and Margaret MacPherson (community) all agreed the odour from the Organics Processing Plant (OPP) had not been as bad recently. Carol added the worst odour during this period has been from the CWTP. Carl summarised the odour had been less intense recently due to the wind direction and cited the clearing all material being stored outside at the Organics Processing Plant (OPP), referencing the drone photos of the clear site in CCC's report.

#### Organics Processing Plant site management

David McArdle (CCC staff) highlighted all screening stopped on site on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 and all material outside has been cleared as of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024. CCC commissioned external odour consultants Pattle Delmore Partners' *'Review of Interim Solution report'* which assessed the operation taking into account the recent significant operational changes and identified potential odour risks onsite. CCC and LE are working through mitigating these risks and added that the *'Small stockpile of old biofilter material'* had been removed from site.

Jaco explained the significant truck movements due to the clearing the site (20,000 tonnes of material removed from site during December), whilst managing the peak season for input volumes. This led to a spike in dust reporting, but Jaco confirmed the resource consent limit was not exceeded and they are expecting a decrease in truck movements going forward.

Jaco discussed that the compost recipe has been changed to not require tailings which has reduced volumes and therefore truck movements, and removed the requirement of tailings being stored on site.

## **Ecogas, the Organics Processing Facility in Hornby and looking forward**

Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) confirmed there is a signed agreement in place between CCC and Ecogas and both parties are working through the next phase with the expectation the final documents to be signed in the next few months. Lynette reassured the community that the OPP will be moving, and she doesn't foresee any obstacles in finalising the contract.

Lynette shared that Jackie, Yani, David, Alec McNeil and representatives from the Hornby, Templeton and Prebbleton residents' associations went on a site visit to the Ecogas' processing facility in Reporoa and sorting and consolidation facility in Auckland. Jackie commented she has absolute confidence in the new facility, and expanded on areas including they do not produce compost and that the facility is fully enclosed. Yani added he was impressed by the sites and Ecogas' staff's transparency and openness to work with the local communities.

Yani suggested providing a note of the OPF key milestones to the CLG for them to see progress. This was recorded as an action for David who shared the following high-level milestones; 2024 design and consenting, 2025 construction and 2026 commissioning.

## **Resource consenting discussion with Environment Canterbury**

This conversation covered CCC's resource consent with ECan for the OPP in Bromley, Waste Management's resource consent with Hurunui District Council for Kate Valley Landfill and Ecogas' planned resource consent with ECan for the Organics Processing Facility (OPF) in Hornby.

For the OPP, Johannes Welch (ECan staff) commented they have externally reviewed the OPP resource consent and confirmed the operation is within the current resource consent and no variation is required.

For the second stage processing at Kate Valley as part of the interim solution, Lynette and Johannes agreed to clarify consenting requirements for the next CLG.

For the OPF, Johannes shared that ECan has a significant interest in processing this resource consent within an appropriate timeframe once the application is received. Lynette added there's a large amount of work to be done before the application is lodged, and CCC and Ecogas are committed to moving this forward. Greg Brynes (ECan elected member) added that for the Hornby community we need to make sure we do not expedite the consent too quickly.

Greg shared with the group that he received an email from an ECan Director which stated ECan have issued a significant notice of non-compliance notice to CCC in response to odour issues at the CWTP for 23 November 2023 to now. Adding this action has happened as a result of the odour complaints.

Michael raised the new government's proposal for fast tracking resource consent resourcing. Lynette responded that we must operate within the current legislation.

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

## **2. Verbatim Minutes**

**Chair** – Carl Pascoe

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

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

**Living Earth (LE)** – Jaco Kleinhans, Victoria Henry

**Environment Canterbury (ECan) staff** – Johannes Welch, Sophie Harland

**Environment Canterbury (ECan) elected members** – Greg Byrnes,

**Community** – Andrew Walker, Bruce King, Carol Anderson, Geoffrey King, Margaret MacPherson, Michael Williams, Vickie Walker

**Minutes** – Beth Walsh

**Apologies** – Daniel O’Carroll (community), Katinka Visser (community), Paul McMahon (CCC elected member), Genevieve Robinson (ECan elected member), Vanessa Weenik (MP).

## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Introduced the meeting. Shared apologies for Daniel O’Carroll (community), Katinka Visser (community), Paul McMahon (CCC elected member), Genevieve Robinson (ECan elected member), Vanessa Weenik (MP).

Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member) requested his apology for the previous CLG meeting was noted. He was present at the meeting before it started but had to leave to attend a family event.

## **2. Confirm previous meeting’s minutes**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Assumed confirmed.

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

**Action 1:** Carl Pascoe’s (Chair) letter to ECan addressing points below;

- 1) CLG’s disappointment that ECan staff did not attend.
- 2) CLG’s request to expediate the resource consent variation process for the interim solution.
- 3) CLG’s preference the upcoming OPP resource consent review to be an open review with public input.
- 4) Nathan Doherty to follow up with Carol Anderson regarding the black dust on her patio, as discussed at the August CLG meeting.

*Completed Wednesday 10 January 2024. Judith Earl-Goulet (ECan) replied Friday 12 January 2024 and invited the Chair to meet with her and Stephen Hall (Director of Operations, ECan).*

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Stephen and Judith acknowledged the CLG’s letter and asked how they may have a more effective contribution to the meeting going forward. Carl Pascoe (Chair) responded that some previous ECan representatives overused jargon and requested this be mitigated in future meetings.

**Carol Anderson (community)** - Stated that nobody from ECan has followed up with her about the black dust on her patio.

**Johannes Welch (ECan staff)** – Responded that ECan followed up previously, but the dust had been cleaned.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – Added that was 12 to 15 months ago and she was not happy.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Requested someone from ECan give their card to Carol Anderson so she can follow up with them directly when the dust is there?

**A. Johannes Welch, ECan** – Confirmed he will give his card to Carol for this purpose.

**Action 2:** Lynette Ellis (CCC staff) to follow up on Katinka Visser’s (community) request for information on truck movements.

*Completed. David McArdle (CCC staff) called Katinka to discuss on Tuesday 23 January 2024. Living Earth then provided the data to CCC and David called Katinka on Thursday 15 February 2024. Katinka did not answer, and a voicemail was left with the requested information.*

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Added he will follow up with Katinka to ensure she has received the voicemail.

**Action 3:** Carl Pascoe (Chair) to send a formal invite to Vanessa Weenik (MP) to attend this meeting.

*Completed Monday 22 January 2024. Vanessa responded the same day and said she would confirm if she can attend the February CLG as it is during a sitting week meaning she has had to request leave.*

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Added Vanessa contacted him yesterday with her apology as she was not granted leave to attend.

**Action 4:** David McArdle (CCC staff) to add Vanessa Weenik (MP) and Reuben Ferguson (MP) to the CCC Bromley mailing list.

*Completed Friday 22 December 2023.*

**Action 5:** David McArdle (CCC) to arrange OPP drone shoot before February CLG meeting.

*Completed with drone shoots on Wednesday 17 January and Monday 12 February 2024. Images included in CCC report.*

**Action 6:** Lynette Ellis (CCC) to contact Amy Davidson (CCC) for a Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWTP) update for Vickie Walker (community).

*Addressed with below action.*

**Action 7:** David McArdle (CCC) to find relevant CCC staff CWTP contact for Vickie Walker.

*Completed. Council staff member emailed Vickie Walker on Wednesday 24 January 2024.*

**Carl Pascoe, Chair** - Suggests that the Terms of Reference for this group which were passed last year be retained for this coming period. All community members agree.

#### **4. Resident lived experiences since last meeting including the Geoffrey King odour report (10 minutes)**

**Geoffrey King (community)** – References his odour report for November 2023, December 2023 and January 2024.

There were 63 odour events in this 92-day period. In November there were seven days with six out of six odour. In December there were 11 days with six out of six odour. The odour on Christmas Day was four out of six. November had 23 out of 30 days with odour, December 23 out of 31 days and January 17 out of 31 days.

There haven't been many days of strong odour so far in February due to the wind patterns. However, this has meant the people in Lyttleton are instead getting the odour as experienced on a recent trip there.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked the other community members about their experience of the odour recently.

**Bruce King (community)** – I noticed the odour in the morning around 6am but in the last month or so the wind has been blowing it away from us. The plant still stinks.

**Vickie Walker (community)** – Agreed that the odour hadn't been as bad recently.

**Michael Walker (community)** – Also agreed it has not as bad recently and said he hasn't been doing as many 'Smelt-it' reports. Commented when the odour is present that it is not present for long.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – Commented the worst smell during this period has been from the CWTP ponds.

**Margaret MacPherson (community)** – Agreed that the odour hasn't been as bad recently. Added that Christmas Day's odour was pretty bad but January saw a huge improvement.

**Michael Walker (community)** – Agreed with Margaret that there has been an improvement. Would like to see evidence if this is due to the efforts of the CCC staff.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Summarised that the odour has been less intense recently because of the wind direction and possibly from the clearing of all outside material outside at the Organics Processing Plant (OPP). Referenced the drone shots included in the CCC report and asked if everyone had seen these.

**Bruce King (community)** – Referenced the drone photos. Commented to him it appears they have put up three metre square blocks on the site and you can't see what's going on there. Bruce visited the neighbouring EcoDrop transfer station site in January and saw the watering plant was in use at the OPP. He believes this could indicate that there are still windrows outside.

**Q. Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Asked Bruce if he was referring to the water misters?

**A. Bruce King (community)** – Bruce believed they were a different water system, more of a sprinkler type system. Added he could also see a conveyor belt system on the site.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Commented there are a number of pieces of equipment on site that aren't in use or don't belong to them. Added they don't run the sprinklers anymore; they do run the water trucks in front of the processing hall for dust.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Asked Bruce King if he would like to visit the site with Jaco to see the equipment he is referring to.

**A. Bruce King (community)** – Declined the offer of a site visit and commented he doesn't want to go near the OPP.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Offered to meet Bruce in the green waste area and show him around the corner from there, if he does not want to visit the OPP.

**Bruce King (community)** – Declined Jaco's second offer.

## **5. Living Earth & CCC discuss current site management and suggested processes moving forward (10 minutes)**

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Referenced CCC CLG report, (attachment b). Key events;

- 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023: All screening stopped on site. Screening will not resume as part of the interim solution with partial processing at the OPP and secondary processing at another site.
- 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024: All outside material cleared. Photos from two drone shoots attached. Two shoots to show the progress with the removal of residual material.
- CCC commissioned external odour consultants Pattle Delmore Partners (PDP) to write their '*Review of Interim Solution report, Monday 12th February 2024*' (attachment e).
  - PDP have assessed the operation in the context of the recent significant changes and identified some potential odour risks onsite. CCC and LE are working through these risks to mitigate them going forward.
  - Specifically, the odour risk of the 'Small stockpile of old biofilter material' identified has been removed from site as of today.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Referenced LE's OPP CLG report.

Stated there were significant truck movements during this period as they cleared the site. In addition, it was during the peak season in terms of volumes of input.

Commented there is still equipment onsite which has been relocated to the open area.

Discussed the spike in the dust reports being normal in the context of additional truck movements and the time of year. Clarified LE did not exceed their dust consent limit and that they are expecting a decrease in truck movements going forward.

For odour monitoring mentioned the one notice of non-compliance issued on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and onsite odour monitoring is ongoing.

Regarding the operation, clarified the kerbside organics are being processed in the tunnels for a minimum of 14 days and then it is immediately loaded into trucks and taken offsite for further processing.

**Victoria Henry (LE)** – Clarified that the material doesn't go outside at all.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Added Victoria and the team have made significant positive changes the compost recipe which allow for a reduction in the tailings required and a reduction in the associated truck movements. Explained no tailings are being stored on site and that green waste is pushed through from the transfer station, processed inside the OPP and then through the tunnels.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Referenced point 8 in LE's report regarding on-site operations and that 20,000 tonnes of material has been removed from the site in December which could have possibly led to the Notice of Non-Compliance.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Shared they averaged around six trucks a day for four days a week which is lower than initially forecasted.

**Lynnette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Clarified that is the routes the trucks take after they leave the plant.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Added they go straight onto the highway. All the trucks and trailers are covered before they leave the site. The product we use has high cube movements which leads itself to better efficiencies and thus less truck movements.

**Q. Carol Anderson (community)** - When the green trucks pick up the bins and take it to LE what happens? How long do they stay they for?

**A. Victoria Henry (LE)** – We blend it and treat it to get the ratio right and it's processed in the tunnels for 14 days. They then go directly into trucks to be taken offsite.

**Q. Vickie Walker (community)** – Did you change the recipe to reduce the odour?

**A. Victoria Henry (LE)** – Yes and to give it more time in the tunnels.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Victoria and the LE team have worked to process the materials without tailings which reduces the volume and thus the tunnel height. This improves air penetration and the processing of the product.

**Lynnette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Added that better air penetration reduces the risk of odour.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** - Odour from where?

**A. Lynnette Ellis (CCC staff)** – From an anaerobic situation.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Commented that removing the tailings reduces a large part of the carbon which helps the balance of carbon and nitrogen and supports the composting process.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE staff)** – Added that LE add green waste which was previously processed separately.

**Q. Micheal Walker (community)** – Do you have odour restrictions within the tunnels?

**A. Victoria Henry (LE)** – Yes, we assess odour whilst the tunnels are being unloaded but a tunnel needing to be put back in due to odour has not happened recently.

**Micheal Walker (community)** – Expressed concern for the health of the staff working in the tunnels.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Reassured Michael that there is constant exposure monitoring and PPE requirements for all staff on site.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** – How often does WorkSafe visit?

**A. Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – I'm not aware of them visiting during my time. We have a rigorous health and safety system and a good working relationship with WorkSafe.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Visited the plant in December and commented the staff member present smelled strongly of odour.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Responded he thought it was rude for Geoffrey to say that. Further explained LE offer full annual health screening of all staff and complete exposure monitoring on site. They enforce the use of PPE but commented they cannot control what materials are put into bins.



**Q. Margaret McPherson (community)** – Suggested this a good time to re-educate the public about recycling and compost. Thought there is a lack of education and in her opinion CCC are charging too much for dumping materials. People are dumping things as they can't afford to get rid of them.

**A. David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Responded there is a year-round CCC marketing campaign for focusing on education. CCC allows people to drop off hazardous material for free at the transfer stations.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Jackie Simons and I can pick this up as an action. We have raised it before as an action.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Summarised Margaret's comments that the community has an issue with the Council's rubbish charging system and Yani has offered to pick this up.

**Action 1:** *Yani Johanson and Jackie Simons to look into Council's charges for refuse collection.*

**Q. Bruce King (community)** – Has the odour watch system been repaired yet? Is the place running on negative pressure?

**A. Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – No, the odour watch system is obsolete and no longer supported.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** – Why did we spend \$340,000 buying it?

**Q. Bruce King (community)** – Is the processing hall running on negative pressure yet?

**A. Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Yes. The doors are all closed except when the truck comes in.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Claimed he has seen a line of five or six trucks there where the door is left open as they go in and out. He believes this isn't negative pressure and breaches clause 3.9 of the foundation document.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Summarised that there have been improvements in how the plant is operated. There is still an odour impact for residents which may be diminished but as only just over a month has passed since the outside material has been removed the group will get a better understanding of their impact in the next two to three months.

**6. CCC answer questions arising from their CLG report (10 minutes) Note: The report will be taken as read.**

**Q. Vickie Walker (community)** – Asked if the contract is signed for the Organics Processing Facility in Hornby?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Confirmed there is a signed agreement and that CCC are working through the next phase, and we expect to have the final documents signed in the next few months. Assured the community that the plant will be moving and doesn't see any obstacles in finalising the contract.

**Jackie Simons (CCC elected member)** – Added that Ecogas are very keen to get on board and get established.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Jackie Simmons, Yani Johanson, David McArdle, Alec McNeil and representatives from the Hornby, Templeton and Prebbleton residents' associations went on a site visit yesterday to the processing facility in Reporoa and sorting and consolidation facility in Auckland.

**Jackie Simons (CCC elected member)** – Following the site visit, stated that she has absolute confidence that the new facility is going to work. They don't produce compost, everything is enclosed, and they fuel glasshouses nearby. Expressed absolute confidence in Andrew, one of the founders of Ecogas.

**Vickie Walker (community)** – Expressed concern about the safety about the neighbouring community in the event of a gas explosion.

**Jackie Simons (CCC elected member)** – Assured Vickie she has confidence in the safety of the plant. Was impressed by the greenness of it. She spoke to a staff member there who was trained in Finland.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Stated he has previously met that staff member at the Hornby meeting and he believes she doesn't know anything. Asked Jackie if she was at CCC when the guy from Ecogas said he was still learning? Why are we putting in a product that we're still learning about?

**Jackie Simons (CCC elected member)** – I've been to the site. We're all continuously learning.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** – Did they turn the machinery off when the Councillors visited?

**A. Jackie Simons (CCC elected member)** – No, it was all running.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Suggested it would be useful to get a more detailed presentation. Believes it's important for this group to get some key milestones to be able to see that progress is being achieved. The biggest issue in his view is the consent.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Responded that the consent is a question for Ecogas.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Added he was impressed with the people running the plant in Reporoa during the site visit. The attitude of the staff was one of transparency and openness to work with the local community.

**Q. Carol Anderson (community)** – Asked why can't the plant be put in somewhere less populated?

**A. Jackie Simons (CCC elected member)** – Answered it's far enough away from any residents to not cause an issue.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Explained it's completely different, it's not a composting plant. As per Yani's suggestion, David McArdle to provide a list of the key progress milestones to the next CLG meeting or before if possible so that progress can be tracked against them.

**Action 2:** *David McArdle (CCC staff) to provide a detailed list of progress milestones prior to or at the next CLG meeting.*

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Shared high-level milestones for the OPF;

- 2024 - Design and consenting
- 2025 - Construction
- 2026 - Commissioning

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – We will try to give more detailed breakdown of those milestones for the next CLG meeting.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – To summarise, Yani Johanson commented on the transparent culture of Ecogas' present process and asks that this transparency be maintained going forward and into the transition. The delegation of community representatives that were taken on the site visit was helpful in this regard. In his opinion the event likely came about due to the good work to date of the community group at this meeting.

**Micheal Walker (community)** – We would like to see the progress of these key milestones so they can be tracked.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Commented in his experience of construction there is inevitably going to be some delays.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Added there is contingency built into the programme.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Another key difference is the other site is owned by a community trust. The entity is very community minded. They use relatively simple construction methodology which reduces the risk of delays.

Regarding the LE report, raised it states there was one Notice of Non-Compliance in December 2023 but there is a tick for yes to being compliant, is this an error?

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Confirmed that was an error.

**8. ECan answer questions arising from their CLG report (10 minutes) Note: The report will be taken as read.**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Raised the two requests that the CLG would like expressed to ECan from the last meeting. Firstly, to expedite the consent process for the interim solution. Secondly, the CLG's preference for the upcoming OPP resource consent review to be in a public arena.

**Johannes Welch (ECan staff)** – Responded experience of the community can be seen in our systems, the number of 'Smelt-it' reports increased in November and December 2023. Explained the report is split into Living Earth and the CWTP as there has been some challenges in the CWTP with the ponds and the seasonal effect. The 'Smelt-it' and calls we received clearly identified different odour profiles.

Assured Carol Anderson that he would like to personally follow up with her about the dust on her patio.

Stated ECan haven't received any resource consent variation applications for the OPP in Bromley.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Commented there are no plans to vary the resource consent at the OPP in Bromley.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Clarified the community request was actually regarding their wish to expediate the resource consent application for the interim solution.

**Q. Bruce King (community)** - Was there a new resource consent required for the outdoor windrows?

**A. Johannes Welch (ECan staff)** – We had that externally reviewed and no resource consent variation is needed as all of the operation is within the current resource consent.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – The other issue was the consenting around truck movements to Kate Valley Landfill.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Added that at a recent Council meeting, a Councillor read an email from an ECan staff member which suggested that there was a need for consent for the composting operation as well as the truck movements. The other concern is that once the consent has been applied for, is there a way we can try to meet the timeframe?

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Responded with that is a question for Waste Management.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Clarified that the current changes to the OPP in Bromley do not require a resource consent variation. He then moved to the other issue of the new OPF consenting process and asked if this be expedited?

**Johannes Welch (ECan staff)** – Answered that ECan has a significant interest in this proceeding as fast as possible. He lives a few 100 metres from the future OPF site so I also have a personal interest. Assured everyone that ECan staff will treat this as a key project. It's hard to predict timeframes until we receive a resource consent application from Ecogas.

**Q. Vickie Walker (community)** – Questioned if Johannes was implying that CCC need to sign a contract before ECan can consent the new OPF?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Responded no and that there's is a large amount of work to be done before a resource consent application is lodged.

**Greg Brynes (ECan elected member)** – Added that we need to make sure we are not just passing something on the community in Hornby by expediting the consent too quickly.

**Margaret MacPherson (community)** – Added that we can't procrastinate, we have put up with this for 15 years. Referenced the car compacting site near the cemetery in Bromley – and said in her opinion there's always an excuse and she feels that nobody seems to care.

**Q. Micheal Walker (community)** – Asked if we know this was going to be a requirement, why are we only having this discussion now? Why don't we have a plan and assign tasks to people?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Responded that is exactly what we're doing now. The team have to do all the paperwork to lodge the resource consent application. Mentioned that the contract was only awarded in December 2023 so there hasn't been much time. Stated that CCC will give you a list of key milestones which you can track through these meetings. Reassured the community that CCC and Ecogas are absolutely committed to moving this forward.

**Greg Brynes (ECan elected member)** – Shared with the group that he received an email today from a Director of ECan stating that ECan issued a significant non-compliance notice to CCC in response to ongoing odour issues at the CWTP for November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 up until now. A remedial plan was submitted on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 but the details were insufficient. ECan staff have met with CCC last week to allow for staff to be briefed. If no onsite mitigation or work towards reducing the odour eventuates then further enforcement action will be evaluated. Commented that this action has happened as a result of all of the odour complaints.

**Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Questioned the timeframe we gave the community for the interim solution was April 2024, if the resource consent variation hasn't been applied for yet how will this be achieved?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Clarified the resource consent variation for truck movements is not with ECan.

**Greg Brynes (ECan elected member)** – Add the information he has received verbally is that Kate Valley don't require a consent for composting.

**Johannes Welch (ECan staff)** – Suggested him and Lynette Ellis can get to the bottom of this and clarify at the next meeting.

**Action 3** – Lynnette Ellis (CCC staff) and Johannes Welch (ECan) to clarify regarding the resource consent variation for truck movements.

**Q. Bruce King (community)** – Asked who started the rumour that today will be the last CLG meeting?

**A.** A number of meeting participants stated that they are unaware of this rumour.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – I understand that the CLG is a condition for the resource consent of the OPP in Bromley.

**Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Regarding the upcoming review in March, are ECan going to review the consent conditions?

**A. Johannes Welch (ECan staff)** – No. With all the recent changes on the site, it is operating within its resource consent.

**Greg Brynes (ECan elected member)** – Referenced the email he received today from an ECan Director which also states the consent will not be reviewed as the threshold for review has not been met.

**Q. Michael Walker (community)** - The new Government have proposed fast tracking for resource consent resourcing, would this project be eligible for this?

**A. Johannes Welch (ECan staff)** – I’m not aware of the criteria for this.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Commented that there has been a lot of talk about what is going to happen and not what has happened. We have to work under the current legislation.

**Vickie Walker (community)** – It would be good to know how to call on a Minister to fast track a consent if needed.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Suggests that Vickie Walker contact Vanessa Weenik, MP in relation to this as it’s at a national government level.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** – There was strong odour on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 and a number of complaints were made to ECan. An ECan Officer attended the area four hours after the initial complaint was made, why does it take this long?

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – What is your expectation in terms of response time?

**A. Geoffrey King (community)** – 15 to 20 minutes.

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – ECan’s staffing resources may have been depleted at the time due to illness or the time of year.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Summarised that where ECan response times can be reduced to please endeavour to reduce them.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** – Stefanie Rixecker (ECan CEO) stated at the end of August 2023 that they had received advice in relation to the consent for the operation of the OPP but due to legal privilege we are unable to share that advice – where is that advice?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Johannes Welch shared that advice tonight that the OPP is operating within their consent.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Believes they are not operating within their consent.

## **9. General business (5 minutes)**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Opens the floor for all other questions or statements.

**Q. Micheal Walker (community)** – How has there been an industrial scrapyards opened next to the cemetery?

**A. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Suggested that these questions are not within the remit of the CLG and it would be more appropriate for Micheal Walker to speak to a local representative about planning issues.

## **10. Concluding remarks – Chair (5 minutes)**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Concludes meeting.