
Project Management Group (PMG) Meeting

Tuesday 10 December 2024 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Minutes & Actions

Attendees:

Greg Carlyon	PMG Member, Independent Project Manager	Chloe Marheine	Note taker (HDC)
Daniel Haigh	PMG Member, HDC	David McMillian	HDC Staff in attendance
David Moore	PMG Member- Community	Rob Benefield	PMG Member, HDC
Jenny Rowan (<i>Chair</i>)	PMG Member-Community		

Apologise: None.

Agenda item: Welcome and karakia

Jenny Rowan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, David Moore said the opening karakia.

Agenda item: Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the PMG meeting of the 8th August 2024 were accepted. Discussion moved on to the next item.

Agenda item: Landfill PMG Operations delivery plan

Greg Carlyon spoke to the delivery plan and the need for the timeframes to be updated and the plan finalised and signed off.

Daniel Haigh reiterated his general comments around the delivery plan and the need for clarification on joint communications through council and amendment to the wording in this section.

Discussion around the need for clarification on the community engagement undertaken and who the stakeholder groups were. The community representatives of the PMG noted there has been engagement with the signatories of the agreement and members of the Hokio community.

It was noted that most groups are of a similar mind and the general principles are the same.

Action

Operational delivery plan - Chloe Marheine to work with Greg Carlyon to finalise the plan and circulate to members for signature.

Agenda item: Levin Landfill Draft Closure Management Plan

The Levin Landfill Draft Closure Management Plan was circulated before the meeting, it was noted the discussion at today's meeting is to focus on initial feedback on significant points, noting PMG members will need more time to review.

Greg Carlyon provided a summary view of the management plan. He noted it is essentially broken into two elements – the first being management at site and the second being management of contaminants being lost from the site. He identified the very clear direction in the management plan for leachate to be treated and discharged to the Hokio Stream. Along with the community representatives Greg confirmed that this was an unacceptable solution in the light of community responses to Council over a very long period. Daniel confirmed that the thinking set out in the management plan was early draft material and agreed that a deliberate discharge of leachate to the Hokio Stream was not appropriate. On that basis the option to discharge to the Hokoi Stream is deemed fatally flawed. Daniel

confirmed that the District Council team was meeting in the last week of December to discuss and confirm the Council's preferred option for leachate management. This is to be shared with Project Management Group at the soonest opportunity.

It was agreed that PMG will provide feedback/ recommendations to Council by 28 January 2025. Council is to share a BPO status update as soon as possible to inform feedback from Project Management Group members in advance of the scheduled meeting Tuesday, 4 February 2025.

Additional matters raised by Project Management Group members were as follows:

David Moore asked about the BPO resource consent and where Council is at with the application. David noted that Council committed to BPO 3 - extracting from the wetland and piping it to the Levin Wastewater Treatment Plant (LWWTP).

Rob Benefield noted Council are still investigating options regarding location of the trench, and are working on modelling and the best way forward, navigating the RMA process and once viable options are available Council officers will run it past the community and Council.

Community PMG representatives questioned the communication and updates on the BPO project with discussion around the location of the trench and utilising the northern drain (Tatana) block.

Rob Benefield noted that we have a Council approved budget of \$2M for this project and the Landfill agreement only states \$350,000, we need to work within the budget available.

Jenny Rowan noted that PMG are focussed on sustainable and environmental outcomes for the land, with HDC bringing the financial balance to the discussion. PMG understand the budget available is limited and the need to work inside it.

David McMillian spoke to the history of the site and the focus on solving the leachate from the old dump. As part of the investigation council have subsequently put more bores in at the bottom of the hill.

Daniel Haigh noted the discussion today is based on principles, the information outlined in the draft CLMP has been shared in real time and with the BPO concept still under development, there will be changes and timeframes may be extended. Once internal discussions are complete and a clear picture is available then all information will be provided to the group.

Discussion around the need for PMG to be kept in the loop and receive regular status updates. No surprises basis. It was agreed to come back together in the new year to discuss the options to proceed with for the BPO3 and work towards lodging the consent.

Greg Carlyon offered to provide the BPO project team with the contact details for Dr Fleur Maseyk from the Catalyst group, for council to reach out to if required.

Rob Benefield noted the options for decision will be available late Jan/early Feb with Earthtec leading the investigation and modelling work.

Greg Carlyon noted the draft Closed Management Plan is comprehensive and is pragmatic, operationally focused but noted that a comprehensive response will be provided (including responses to leachate BPO). Greg noted the general issues below.

Broad issues

- More context/ community stakeholders contribution
- Localised context other influences on the Hokio stream
- Landfill gas/ response to odour / complaints process
- Unresolved issue of land use / What can we do out there
- Process what are we going to do with it/ potential scenarios

- Monitoring / consent conditions / role for the PMG agreement build confidence in the monitoring / trends in the right direction
- Monitoring structure / trigger points another decision / need to set the BPO/ Mātauranga Māori direction / integration / cultural health monitoring / response to outcomes

David Moore noted his approval in principle of the CLMP as long as it fits within the Ministry for Environment guidelines. David is supportive of the holistic approach, and noted it is good to see the positive attitude, and the work towards supporting the community.

Jenny Rowan noted the Wellington Regional Council Whitua project and suggested there may be learnings from this project that HDC could utilise.

Nothing further on this item

Agenda item: General Business

There was nothing further noted under general business.

Agenda item: Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, 4 February 2025

Agenda item: Meeting closure and karakia

Jenny Rowan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked David Moore to close out the meeting.

David Moore closed the meeting with karakia.

Meeting Closed: 4:20pm

Action Items		
Action	Responsible Officer	Status
1. Landfill PMG Operations delivery plan finalise and circulate for signature.	Chloe Marheine	Circulated to PMG 6/1/25.
2. Need to action discussion for future reuse of the landfill site	HDC	
3. PMG Operations Plan to be published on HDC website once finalised and signed off.	Chloe Marheine	
4. Draft Landfill Closure Plan to be produced by Nov/Dec 2024	David McMillan	Circulated to PMG 5/12/24.