

Meeting Minutes

Levin Landfill Neighbourhood Liaison Group (NLG) Meeting
Tuesday 18 June 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Horowhenua District Council - Ante Room, 126 Oxford St, Levin

In attendance

Parekura MacGregor (Facilitator)	Dean Wilson (Lake Trustee)
Charles Rudd	Cr Sam Ferguson (HRC)
Deanna Hanita-Paki (Lake Trustee)	Daniel Haigh (HDC)
Trevor Hinder	Campbell Dodds (HRC)
Peter Everton	David McMillan (HDC)
Vivienne Bold	Chloe Marheine (HDC)
Christine Moriarty	
Jack Warren	

1. Welcome and Karakia

Parekura welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked Dean Wilson to open with a Karakia.

2. Apologies

David Moore, Rose Cotter, Peter Thompson, Rachael Selby, Graeme Lindsay

3. Conflicts of Interest

Deanna noted a perceived conflict of interest as a Lake Trustee and MTA.

4. Acknowledgements

Cr Sam Ferguson and HRC officer Campbell Dodds for your attendance.

5. Previous Minutes and Matters arising

The meeting minutes from 12 March 2024 were accepted.

Moved: Trevor Hinder

Seconded: Deanna Hanita-Paki

Vivienne Bold asked for clarity around the data on soil testing. David McMillan mentioned that imported top soil from Masterton went through vigorous testing to make sure that the soil was able to be used as top soil on the New Levin Landfill.

Charles Rudd raised his concerns in relation to the resource consent conditions, and the perceived breach of conditions in relation to the nomination of Parekura MacGregor as the facilitator. Charles Rudd noted his concern that process was not followed and the motion for the nomination of Parekura MacGregor was seconded by a non-NLG member.

Peter Everton agreed that the process needs to be followed and noted the appointment of Graeme Lindsay and Vivienne Bold to NLG at the 16 August 2022 meeting was inline with process outlined in the resource consent conditions.

Daniel Haigh acknowledged the concerns raised by Charles and asked NLG how they would like to move forward. Daniel spoke to the recent meetings being inclusive of NLG and interested parties, as Council as the permit holder would like to ensure we are keeping all of the community involved and up to date.

Campbell Dodds acknowledged Charles concerns in relation to the resource consent conditions, and noted Daniel's comments relating to Council as the permit holder wanting to ensure all of the community are welcomed and kept up to date.

Campbell noted Condition 32 of the resource consent and read out the specifics of the condition, including the parties eligible to members of the NLG and the process outlined for the nomination of an independent facilitator. Campbell noted it would be good for HDC to confirm the members listed from A – G (below) and clarify who those representatives/attendees are.

- a. the Lake Horowhenua Trustees;
- b. Mr Charles Rudd;
- c. Ngati Pareraukawa;
- d. Each of the owners and occupiers of those properties adjoining the Levin Landfill property described as A through to N on Drawing 2181;
- e. Horowhenua District Council;
- f. the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council; and
- g. Two representatives of the owners and occupiers of the properties affected by the landfill.

Campbell also noted that in order to address the concerns raised by Charles Rudd, HDC could take the opportunity to investigate and bring back a list of names for independent facilitators for NLG to review and advise who they would like to nominate at the next meeting.

Actions on Council

- HDC to confirm members listed from A-G are clarified and specify who those attendees are.
- HDC to investigate independent facilitators and bring back a list of names to the next meeting.

6. Meeting purpose

David McMillian provided a verbal overview on the following items.

Iwi engagement

- As part of the consenting process for the leachate remediation from the old dump HDC would like to engage with iwi and hapu along the Waiwiri stream. HDC will set up engagement workshops, with information being provided to representatives.
- Daniel Haigh spoke about the need to engage with iwi and hapu before we engage technical experts.

Sampling of water bores

David McMillan noted the historical concerns with leachate contamination and that sampling and monitoring has demonstrated the leachate area is very defined.

David McMillan noted that if landowners have concerns and would like a bore tested, owners that are on the list and within the 1.5km radius can call or email customer service and a CRM will be sent to the team for the request to be actioned.

Daniel Haigh reiterated it needs to be the landowners who approach Council, and that this will be an operational cost against the solid waste activity.

Parekura MacGregor noted that a lot of the landowners with concerns have undertaken their own bore testing with independent facilities.

Run down on engagement process for leachate extraction consent

David McMillan highlighted the next steps Council are undertaking in the process for the leachate extraction consent.

Council have engaged:

- Good Earth Matters Consulting Limited to support with the drafting of the consent
- Ecological assessments
 - Fresh fish survey
 - Archaeological authority

Looking at 12 months of investigations works before we can proceed with any physical construction works.

7. General Business

Charles Rudd requested that HDC and HRC information be shared with NLG at least two weeks before meetings so there is time for NLG members to review. Charles Rudd requested the minutes are shared within two weeks of the meeting.

Vivienne Bold raised concerns about the leachate pond and identifying and neutralising the stormwater. Clarity needed that there is no storage of leachate onsite.

Trevor Hinder asked what happens if the pump breaks. David McMillan advised the site is monitored 24/7 through SCADA, and if required a truck would be out onsite immediately if the pump breaks.

Daniel Haigh noted the following items to be added to next agenda

- Names of candidates for independent facilitator
- Timing and process around closed management plan
- Confirm NLG members as listed in the consent

Cr Sam Ferguson spoke about reflecting back over the last couple of years, noting it has been a journey and a bumpy road at times. But we are seeing progress for the whenua, the water in the stream and the groundwater. There are opportunities being presented to move forward. Cr Ferguson encouraged all

attendees to continue to look to the future and recognised Horowhenua District Council are willing to do more than what is in the consent.

Parekura MacGregor acknowledged Cr Sam Fergusons koreo and shared her views around the healing of the land.

Charles Rudd asked Daniel Haigh if there has been progress with the options for future utilisation of the landfill site from the LTP consultation.

Daniel Haigh acknowledged Charles query and advised that Council have not advanced on the options for future use of the landfill site, but are progressing with the renewal of the consent for the closed landfill, and focusing on matters that could most impact the environment.

Peter Everton asked when the next NLG meeting is going to be confirmed.

Daniel Haigh suggested the next NLG Meeting could be scheduled for October 2024.

Dean Wilson requested on behalf of the Lake Trust, that the Lake Trustees would like to be informed of the bad and the good and that if there are any issues they be advised so it can be front footed.

8. Closing and Karakia

Dean Wilson closed the meeting with a karakia.

Meeting closed: 4.41pm