DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

RICHMOND HILL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee (RHCC) held at 2.00 pm on Monday 16th May 2011, at the Energy from Waste Plant, Richmond Hill, Braddan.

Present:
Mr. A. Jessopp, Member representing Braddan Parish Commissioners (Chairman) CHR
Mr. K. Kinrade, Chief Executive, DEFA KK
Mr. D. Crellin, Member representing Onchan District Commissioners DC

In attendance:
Mr. S. Renton, Environmental Protection Officer, DEFA SRE
Mr. G. du Toit, EfWP Manager, SITA Waste (IoM) Ltd. GDT
Mrs. R. Greenwood, Environment Support Manager, SITA Kirklees RG
Miss R. Jones, Compliance Officer, SITA Waste (IoM) Ltd. RJ
Miss E. Lynch, Acting Secretary EL

Apologies for absence:
Hon J. P. Shimmin, MHK, Minister for DEFA JS
Mr. R. Corkhill, Member representing Braddan Parish Commissioners RC
Cllr. D. Ashford, Member representing Douglas Corporation DA
Mr. P. Craine, Member representing the IoM Municipal Association PC
Mr. P. Lenartowicz, Government Analyst PL
Mr. S. M. Callister, Secretary SMC

RHCC11/05/01 Election of Chairman

In the absence of the Minister, Mr. Jessopp was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

RHCC11/05/02 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 November 2010

Resolved: After discussion, it was decided that the following amendments be made to the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14th February 2011:-

- With regard to RHCC 11/02/10 the first paragraph be reworded to state “the best disposal route for bottom ash was for Colas and the Department of Infrastructure to resolve”.

Resolved, after discussion it was decided that the minutes, were otherwise, a correct records of proceedings and they were duly
signed by the Chairman.

**RHCC11/05/03**  
**Matters arising from the Minutes**

**Tyres**

It was noted that no action had been taken to date regarding the possibility of a tyre amnesty in early April.

**RHCC11/05/04**  
**RHCC11/02/05 – Environmental Notifications Part A & B and Air Continuous Monitoring Report**

It was noted that there was an exceedence in the normal levels of dioxins during the periodic monitoring. Mr. Renton explained, as shown in the report, this was due to the fact that the secondary incinerator had burned only six bins prior to the testing period commencing. In addition, bin tipping was halted for a period during the test. He went on to advise that the sample taken would only be representative of the burning of diesel oil to maintain temperature, and not the burning of waste.

There was discussion amongst the group regarding the current periodic monitoring practice, and the recommendation that future periodic monitoring should only commence after four hours of continual burning being in operation.

Mr. Jessopp commented that it seemed to be normal that readings were not being taken during the start up and shut down of the plant. He went to advise that these were the periods during which he thought the potential threat to the environment was at its highest, and questioned how SITA intended to respond to that. He was advised by Mrs. Greenwood that SITA was operating within all the stipulated terms and conditions, and was therefore compliant with their license.

**RHCC11/05/05**  
**RHCC11/02/07 – Releases to Water**

Mr. Renton advised there had been one exceedence of the emissions limit value, but all other emissions were within the expected levels. He went on to advise that this should no longer happen once a gulley sucker had been obtained.

Mr. du Toit advised that the three monthly maintenance routine had been changed to a two monthly frequency, which would keep emissions under the exceedence level.

**RHCC11/05/06**  
**RHCC11/02/03 – Abnormal Operations**

It was noted that there had been 5 hours and thirty minutes of abnormal operations during the period between 1st January 2010 and 31st March 2011.

Mr. Jessopp commented that this was a ‘sizeable chunk’ and noted
that the exceedence in the emissions limit value back in November was attributed to a malfunction in the Continuous Emissions Monitor. Mrs. Greenwood advised him that operational procedures had been adjusted so that when the emissions limit value had been exceeded, a shut-down sequence would commence. This, she advised, would ensure SITA remained compliant with their licence. Mr. Jessopp remarked that although not ideal, this should resolve the issue.

Mr. du Toit advised Mr. Jessopp that any exceedences in the emissions limit value were reported to the Environmental Protection Unit on a daily basis, except on weekends or bank holidays. Mr. Jessopp questioned whether Mr. Renton was satisfied with this practice, and was informed by Mr. Renton that he was, and that he was unable to recall any exceedence in the last few years that had not been reported in a timely fashion by SITA.

**RHCC11/05/07 RHCC11/02/14- Bottom Ash**

Mr. Renton reported that the releases from the primary and secondary incinerators were within international recommended limits.

**Resolved:** Mr. Renton’s comments were noted

**RHCC11/05/08 RHCC11/05/15- APCRs**

Mr. Renton reported that releases from the primary and secondary incinerators were within international recommended limits, however the dioxins in the secondary was high (although did not exceed the emissions limit value).

A discussion ensued with regard to medical waste from Nobles Hospital, and the amount that was being processed and put into the secondary incinerator.

Mr. Jessopp commented that the Hospital required a more efficient waste plan, and suggested they be contacted regarding this. Mr. Renton agreed that this would be a good idea, and suggested contacting Ivan Bratty of DEFA, who was involved with the Public Health Unit. Mr. Renton went on to advise that although a revised waste plan for the Hospital was desirable, it would require a considerable initial investment from the DoH. Mr. Kinrade commented that a revised waste plan was indeed desirable, but there was not a clear case for investment from the DoH.

Mr. Crellin enquired as to what sort of materials were responsible for increased emissions, and was advised by Mr. Jessopp that it was mainly medical waste and plastics. Mr. Renton added that there was also an issue with the mixing of different waste materials.

Mr. Jessopp commented that the situation should be monitored to
see whether any trend became apparent with regard to raised emission levels.

**RHCC11/05/09**  
**RHCC11/02/16 - Complaints Received**

Mr. Renton reported that there had been no complaints.

**Resolved:** Mr. Renton’s comments were noted.

**RHCC11/05/10**  
**RHCC11/02/17- Licence Variations**

**Resolved:** Mr. Renton’s comments on the agenda were noted.

**RHCC11/05/11**  
**RHCC11/02/18 – Environmental Monitoring – Milk, Crops and Soil for Dioxins**

There was nothing to report in Mr. Lenartowicz’s absence.

**RHCC11/05/12**  
**Any Other Business & Date of Next Meeting**

There was discussion amongst the Committee with regard to the possibility of reducing the frequency of meeting to every six months.

The date of the next meeting was to be agreed at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting duly concluded at 3.10pm.

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**Minutes compiled by:**

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Miss E. L. Lynch  
Acting Secretary

**Certified a correct record:**

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Mr. A. Jessopp  
Chairman