



ALAB ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LTD

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF THE
SEATON MEADOWS LIAISON COMMITTEE**

14TH March 2007

THE STAINCLIFFE HOTEL, SEATON CAREW

Present:

Bob Pailor (EA)
Steve Cooper (Countryside Warden)
Ian Fenny (Alab Environmental Services Ltd - Chair)
Geoff Lilley (Cllr)
Roger Robinson (Alab Environmental Services Ltd)
Andrew Dowson (Alab Environmental Services Ltd)
Peter Tweddle (FoE)
Robert Smith (Assistant Countryside Warden)
Rev Captain Paul Allinson (Seaton Carew)

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Allen, David Young

Agenda

1. Agree Previous Minutes and Matters Arising
2. Seaton Meadows
 - a. Landfill Operations
 - b. Complaints
 - c. Environmental Monitoring
 - d. Gas to Energy Operations
 - e. Tyre Recycling Operations
 - f. Hazardous Treatment Plant & Drum Recovery
 - g. Proposed Works for the next 6 months
 - h. Aggregate Recycling
3. Current Applications and Submissions
4. Future Applications and Submissions
5. Landfill Tax Credit Applications
6. Any other Business
7. Date of Next Meeting

ALAB	MINUTES	By: K Borthwick
-------------	----------------	------------------------

1. Ian Fenny opened the meeting, welcomed those present, laid out the Agenda and distributed the previous meeting minutes which were subsequently agreed.

Matters Arising

a. Mud on Brenda Road

Geoff Lilley expresses his concern over the mud on Brenda Road. Ian Fenny explains that this is not really an issue now as the weather has turned better however Alab have installed a Wheel shaking device which will help shake any surplus material for the wheel of the vehicles leaving site.

The wheel wash is presently turned off and will remain so during the summer months, however a new contract to take 500 000 Te of clay from Seaton Meadows to the Impetus landfill in Teesport over a 18 months period will be commencing soon and if any bad weather is experienced the Wheel Wash will be immediately turned on aswell as a full time road sweeper to clean Brenda road.

During the summer months, Alab are planning to lay some Tarmac roads internally to ensure that during the winter months the roads will be in a better condition. Ian Fenny also states that Alab are looking to suspend clay sales in the winter months.

Robert Smith states to his knowledge people stopped using Brenda road because of the damage it was doing to vehicles and used an alternative route. Ian Fenny apologies for the state of road and assures those present it is a problem he is working towards resolving.

b. Waste Landing on Water Course

Steve Cooper brings up the matter of wind causing waste to land on the water courses and how Alab have helped by sending employees to clear this up.

Robert Smith expresses concern over the litter landing in the wildlife's breeding territories and explains how the wardens will have to "grin and bare it" on some parts of the common up until the end of June.

Ian Fenny informs those present that Alab are looking to start depositing waste into a new phase and so litter shouldn't be a problem again until next year.

Good External Litter netting is also an option being looked at.

Ian Fenny introduces Andrew Dowson, replacing Steve Taylor. Over time Andy will be a point of contact for an issues relating to the sites as well as Roger Robinson.

2. **a. Landfill Operations**

- * Seaton Meadow has a depth of clay of 30 – 40 metres. The limit for Alab is Minus 8 AOD. The clay depths go down to minus 30 – 40.
- * Clay at Seaton Meadows is considered to be excellent Clay
- * No leakage of contaminated water will occur through this clay

ALAB	MINUTES	By: K Borthwick
-------------	----------------	------------------------

- * Seaton Meadows Permit is very strict with its requirement to provide quality assurance ensure this will not occur.
- * Phase 6 has been noted as having some hot spots and now tipping in phase 2.
- * Alab have been digging out the areas of high temperature and whilst this was being done all operations had to be suspended in phase 6 to ensure no fire outbreaks.
- * Fire brigade have attended Seaton Meadows and are happy with the way site is handling the situation. The EA are working with Alab daily.
- * Seaton Meadows now has a thermal imaging camera that looks through the waste giving a temperature reading.
- * All work has been done to ensure fire does not break out on phase 6 which includes digging out any hotspots aswell as engineering work to make sure the lining is as it should be with the CQA.
- * Engineers are on site for 3 weeks and once the cell is revalidated and the EA signs it off, Alab will recommence tipping in that area.
- * Landfill temperate is generally 50 – 60 degrees. When the waste breaks down its always quite warm.
- * Its very difficult for the Fire Brigade to put landfill Fires out and rather the operatives who know best how to deal with the fires by suffocating the waste so that no air gets in.
- * The EA would not let operations commence until the CQA has been approved.
- * All other operations are still on going.
- * Asbestos is still coming into Site.
- * Landfill has an area for plastic drum recovery, recycling and handling of drummed waste.
- * New design has been submitted to the EA for Phase 7.
- * Seaton Meadows is presently half full in capacity.

b. Complaints

- * Complaints on State of Brenda Road.
- * Tees Road experienced dust from stockpile whilst moving round phase 6.

c. Environmental Monitoring

- * All monitoring is reported to the EA and it up to date.
- * Additional Monitoring because of Hot Spots.
- * All Monitoring is under control.

d. Gas to Energy Operation

- * Flaring off gas in phase 3 and 2.
- * Received a price of £250 000 from electrical connection to start selling the Electricity back to the grid.
- * This year Alab will be connecting phases 4 and 5 into that system.
- * Alab hopes to be producing green electricity and should be sustainable for 15 to 20 years.

ALAB	MINUTES	By: K Borthwick
-------------	----------------	------------------------

e. Tyre Recycling

- * Taking tyres in the recycling area has been stopped.
- * A large of tyres have been taken into Seaton Meadows and site is struggling to put them in the correct format as per the license.
- * EA issued a notice confirming Alab had to meet the correct stockpiling condition.
- * The problem arising from a delay in the conveyor system ordered 6 months ago.
- * Once these conveyors arrive the Tyre will be made into a 50 m Chip.
- * EA – Tyres are combustible material and are a fire hazard.
- * Tyres are recycled into 50 m chips to stop using aggregate from quarries and rather use the tyre as the base on the engineering.

f. Hazardous treatment Plant

- * Appeal will take place in July.
- * Once Planning appeal is won, Alab will still have to get a permit from the EA.
- * Newer technologies have been looked at regarding the hazardous treatment plant where e-clays are used which reduces the hazardous nature of waste all together.
- * Hazardous treatment plant waste will be in a liquid form and be Consolidated into a physical mass.
- * All waste coming out of the plant will only be types of waste that can currently be taken into Seaton Meadows.
- * All liquid waste must meet the same criteria as any other waste taken into Seaton Meadows, samples are taken and sent to labs to Analyse and can be rejected from Seaton meadows.

g. Proposed work for next 6 weeks

- * Phase 7 constructed for hazardous waste.
- * Additional work with tyres area – new bunds and new screening System.
- * Restoration of phase 5.
- * Internal work on the construction of roads to help with the problems in the winter months.

h. Aggregate Recycling

- * A Stockpile of restoration materials is ready for the restoration of the site and within this we have an exemption to recycle bricks etc to use for the building of roads.

3. Current Application and Submissions

- * Previously discussed

ALAB	MINUTES	By: K Borthwick
-------------	----------------	------------------------

4. Future Application and Submissions

- * None

6. Landfill Tax Credit Applications

- * Had one application approved from Inca for £6500.00.
- * 2 local environmental causes have been supported recently by ALAB environmental.

7. Any Other Business

- * Geoff Lilley enquires as to the height of the site post settlement. Ian fenny informs meeting 18 metres is the maximum height.
- * Landfill will ultimately be one massive dome agreed with the Planners to be a nature reserve in years to come.
- * Alab have a 60 year commitment to the site after closure.
- * Geoff Lilley requested the future of Seaton Meadows become an agenda item in future meetings.
- * New Legislation will be coming out at the end of the year and any one interested in the new pre – treatment legislation, Roger Robinson has more information.

8. Date of next Meeting

July 2007