

<b>Minutes of Energy from Waste Stakeholder Group Meeting</b>			
Date	08.12.2015		
Location	Committee room 5, Town House		
Chairperson	Pete Lawrence (PL)		
Minutes	Hannah Lynch (HL)		
Attendees	Pam Walker (PW), Linda Ovens (LO), Andrew Giblyn (AG), Cllr Alan Donnelly (AD), David Fryer (DF), Gregor McAbery (GA), Cllr James Kiddie (JK), Joanna Mackie (JM), Prof Rob Jackson (RJ), Ray Grant (RG), Simon McClean (SM)		
Apologies	Fiona Birkinshaw, George Smith, Hazel Stevenson, Kevin Christie, Lynn Smith		
		Action	Responsible
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Introduction and membership of stakeholder group</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PL</b> explained the purpose of the stakeholders group to the new members. <b>JK</b> felt this was a useful forum for passing back information to the Torry community and would listen to contributions and be more informed.</li> <li>• <b>DF</b> wanted it clear that Torry CC was invited to the group and has considerable opposition. They don't accept the site is suitable as community feels it's wrong to locate it beside them</li> </ul>		
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Appointment of chairperson/ other office bearers</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AD</b> felt it might be difficult to find a neutral chair and feels it should be <b>PL</b> as extensive knowledge and experience in waste and no one has this type of background.</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> thanked <b>AD</b> but feels it must be someone without a vested interest. He is happy to contribute with knowledge and understanding to steer the group. Will look to identify a chair before next meeting and open to suggestions by the group. This person is to act as a facilitator for group</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> explained about the range of invitations so far and is interested to hear if others should be in the group. Apologies from SEPA being unable to attend but they will attend future meetings. Their role will be to provide information on regulation and technology and not to form an opinion on the facility as they are also a statutory consultee in the planning application.</li> </ul>	<b>Identify a suitable chairperson for future meetings</b>	<b>All members of stakeholder group</b>
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Stakeholder group objectives and terms of reference</b>		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PL</b> said he would extend an invite to Moray and Aberdeenshire Councils too</li><li>• <b>PL</b> said there was be a series of documents over the 4-5 years e.g. waste strategy, options appraisal, outline business case for EfW (2013) that was reviewed this year. This information made available in committee minutes/ reports and links to these can be provided to group.</li></ul>	<p><b>Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils to be invited to future meetings</b></p> <p><b>Links to reports to be provided to Group</b></p>	<p><b>PW to invite</b></p> <p><b>PL</b></p>
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Item 7	<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LO</b> explained the process of an EIA to the group starting with a risk assessment of the potential impacts from the project and mitigation measures which leads to the Environmental statement whereby aspects such as traffic, noise, air pollution, ecology are assessed.</li> <li>• Currently baseline studies are being carried out by them on noise surveys, traffic counts and air quality assessments in the vicinity. Also a process of compiling the potential effects of additional developments in the area e.g. harbour development, new academy at Cove</li> <li>• Also looking at visual impact of EfW on the area and designs/ site layout will be submitted at the end of the year as part of the application</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> added that the Council are working with a design team to ensure it is of high quality design and is striking. Couple of mock designs shown at exhibitions and public preference so far is for a curved design rather than a rectangular one.</li> <li>• <b>JK</b> brought up issue of transport in the south of the city being inadequate for amount of traffic and mentioned Wellington Road being the most polluted street in the UK and added it's a matter of local concern. He mentioned that when he asked how many extra lorries will be added by waste from Moray and Aberdeenshire, he wasn't given an answer and the community want to know that.</li> <li>• <b>LO</b> answered that half the refuse lorries already go next door (to East Tullos Depot) and that the AWP will remove lorries going through city as will enter city at Cove junction. This will be detailed in the EIA</li> <li>• <b>RJ</b> added that impact of construction traffic to be considered too</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> mentioned that new developments such as the harbour development will have to take into account what has already been decided</li> <li>• <b>AD</b> stated that there needs to be improvements to roads</li> <li>• <b>SM</b> mentioned the future plan of a train halt in area that could transport waste- had this been considered? <b>LO</b> said it was being considered</li> <li>• <b>JM</b> asked if dates for the public exhibitions in January have been decided and <b>PL</b> replied no</li> <li>• <b>JK</b> felt an excellent point had been raised on infrastructure as he felt it wasn't previously joined up thinking and the infrastructure considered after the development in place. Given scale of EfW development, he felt the infrastructure needs to be in place before development.</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> responded that the impacts need to be identified and quantified first then look at the measures that are needed</li> <li>• <b>DF</b> added that the community councils in the area are concerned about infrastructure and that traffic assessments in applications show no impact on traffic but there is. Making a case for putting a brake of developments before infrastructure sorted out.</li> <li>• <b>RG</b> said that Aberdeen is constricted by its footprint and the whole city is affected by traffic as north of the city is no better and we need to deal</li> </ul>	<p><b>Traffic Impact to be prime topic for a future meeting</b></p>	<p><b>PL</b></p>	

	<p>with it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AG</b> felt it's logical to look at the problems then the solutions and traffic is a problem but we need the facts before knowing the outcome.</li> <li>• <b>AG</b> said he had read through the documents and wondered if they can be presented in clear terms.</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> said he would take into account the known issues in the planning application</li> </ul>		
<b>Item 8</b>	<b>Planning application</b>		
	Referencing the project timeline, <b>PL</b> explained the Council is looking to submit the planning application at the end of January/ start of February. The planning application will likely take around 6-8 months to be determined and comments will be formally sought as part of the application.		
<b>Item 9</b>	<b>AOB</b>		
	<p>PL asked stakeholder members if they had any points they wished to bring up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RG</b> said he was unable to make any of the previous presentations and remains open minded about the project.</li> <li>• <b>DF</b> is here representing the best interests of the community of Torry and to voice any concerns</li> <li>• <b>SM</b> said there is concern by community council that appearance at the stakeholder's meeting looked like it was agreeing with the project which it does not</li> <li>• <b>JM</b> asked if concept of community trust could be established on the energy/ electricity side. <b>PL</b> replied that would be something that could be explored to see if it is a viable option</li> <li>• <b>AG</b> felt engagement is crucial and more agreement leads to better results. More engagement with local businesses to coordinate activities e.g. times of vehicle activity.</li> <li>• <b>RJ</b> felt strongly that it's beneficial for the stakeholder group to carry on after the EfW development is built e.g. looking at monitoring results from SEPA</li> <li>• <b>GA</b> queried why the consultation was in February</li> <li>• <b>PL</b> said that there were limited locations for previous exhibitions and is interested to hear if anyone has any suggestions. <b>LO</b> said feedback showed St Fittick's was popular location</li> </ul>	<p><b>Investigate options for Community Trust</b></p> <p><b>Suggestions for locations for public consultation events</b></p>	<p><b>PL</b></p> <p><b>All members of stakeholder group</b></p>
<b>Item 10</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>		
	20 <sup>th</sup> January at 4pm in Committee Room 5, Town House		