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Friday, 17 June 2022

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*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*

**Administered by Hastings District Council:**

**Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

# Minutes

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*Te Rā Hui:*

Meeting date:

**Friday, 17 June 2022**

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*Te Wāhi:*

Venue:

**Council Chamber  
Ground Floor  
Civic Administration Building  
Lyndon Road East  
Hastings**

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Time start – end:

**1.00pm – 2.18pm**

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*Te Rārangi Upoko*

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*Kua Tae ā-tinana:* **Chair:** Councillor Ann Redstone (HDC)  
**Present:** Councillors Simon Nixon and Sophie Siers (HDC)  
Councillors Richard McGrath and Api Tapine (Deputy Chair) (NCC)

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*Kua Tatū:*  
**In attendance:** Group Manager: Asset Management - Craig Thew (HDC)  
Waste and Data Services Manager - Martin Jarvis (HDC)  
Waste Planning Manager - Angela Atkins (HDC)  
Acting Solid Waste Engineer – Chris Morgan (HDC)  
Manager, Environmental Solutions – Cameron Burton (NCC)  
Management Accountant - Jeff Tieman (HDC)  
Health and Safety Manager - Jennie Kuzman (HDC)  
Health and Safety Partner - Paul McClusky (HDC)  
Senior Waste Minimisation Officer – Sam Gibbons (HDC)  
Environmental Solutions Coordinator - Alix Burke (NCC)  
Democracy and Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton (HDC)

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### 1. **APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA**

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Nixon

That an apology for absence from Councillor Henare O’Keefe be accepted.

CARRIED

### 2. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - *TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI*

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Tapine

That the minutes of the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting held Friday 3 December 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

With the agreement of the Joint Committee members, Agenda Item 5 was taken out of order and addressed while the HDC's Health and Safety officers were present.

### 5. HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

(Document 22/170)

Health and Safety Partner, Paul McClusky; Health and Safety Manager, Jennie Kuzman (HDC); and Acting Solid Waste Engineer, Chris Morgan (HDC), spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Committee.

The main concerns raised related to the gases emanating from some loads of waste being received by the landfill and how the safety of landfill staff, contractors and visitors was being monitored. Officers confirmed that the liners being used in the leachate ponds, including Area "B", were appropriate and endorsed by the consultants, Tonkin & Taylor. Officers also confirmed that monitoring of air quality at the landfill boundary is to be set up to confirm that no issues exist outside of the landfill site. A one page summary of potential health risks at the actual tip face associated with air quality monitoring results is to be regularly circulated to all the actual tip face customers so they are kept fully informed.

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Nixon

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee receive the report titled Health and Safety Report dated 17 June 2022.

CARRIED

### 4. NINE MONTH ACTIVITY REPORT

(Document 22/159)

The Waste & Data Services Manager, Martin Jarvis; the Management Accountant, Jeff Tieman (HDC); and the Group Manager: Asset Management (HDC), Craig Thew, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Some of the main points that were highlighted in the report or in response to questions included:

- A greater volume of earthworks had been undertaken in Stages 3 and 4 than had been anticipated while waiting for the clay to arrive to be used in the earth liner. Clay will need to be sourced from two private sites as no suitable clay can be found at the landfill. This will increase construction costs and has put work behind schedule.

- Officers were asked to ensure that manawhenua were consulted as part of the resource consent process, regarding the proposed sourcing of the clay. Officers confirmed that a hui approach had been used on the site.
- Development Update for Area “B” – the landscaping work would be part of the resource consent.
- Proposed Education Centre and Office – the associated price for this work had exceeded expectations and a report on this matter would need to be brought back to the next Committee meeting.
- To ensure that visitors to the site were safe from any adverse effects of landfill gases, fixed monitoring points will be established on the site and further detectors could be erected near the education centre building, once it had been built.
- An amendment to the Heads of Agreement, under which the landfill operates, was being proposed. A relationship with the Ngāti Parau hapu in Napier had been established and discussions held regarding the matter of representation on the landfill committee, including whether the hapu could have one or two full roles on the committee. The resultant proposal would be presented to both councils for consideration.
- Leachate disposal – officers were keeping an eye on trials being held in Australia.
- Skins/Pelts/Fleshings/Tannery Waste – officers were measuring ammonia and hydrogen sulphide levels and the priority was to keep staff safe. Officers were trying to get contractors to deal with or treat the products being dumped so that they are easier to handle on the site.
- Cabs of vehicles/machines at the tip face were being retrofitted to the highest air quality standards to keep staff safe.
- Officers were developing new solid waste bylaws.
- Staffing – Chris Morgan was Acting Solid Waste Engineer, following the departure of Phil Doolan.
- Jeff Tieman gave a verbal financial update.
- Chris Morgan gave an update on the sale of gas.
- There was ongoing construction on Valley “D” and once final capping had been completed more gas would be captured.
- Another gas to energy engine had been purchased by LMS so the existing one can be replaced or used as a back-up.
- Disposal costs of leachate – modelling work would be carried out in October and the current \$1/tonne levy will be reviewed as a result.
- Hides and skins – council was considering partnering with the suppliers and discussing if, as a region, they should invest in a bio-digester if government charges come in. Disposing of this type of material was a NZ wide problem.
- The MfE’s work was to focus on residential work, rather than industrial and commercial work and officers felt the council needs to continue with that current messaging approach.
- Continuing the ongoing work of the Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee and the Future Waste Minimisation Committee was considered the best approach, rather than reacting to situations that arose when material arrived at the landfill for disposal.
- A report would come back to the next Committee meeting regarding landfill carbon emission units and the long term (five year) strategy being put in place. An interim arrangement regarding HDC’s carbon credits, to assist Wairoa District Council had been set up. These credits would be repaid back to HDC by Wairoa.

Councillor Siers/Councillor Tapine

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Joint Landfill Committee receive the report titled Nine Month Activity Report dated 17 June 2022.

CARRIED

## 6. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UPDATES RELATING TO THE WASTE SECTOR

(Document 22/187)

Waste Planning Manager, Angela Atkins, spoke to the agenda report noting that this same report had been addressed at the Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee meeting held that morning.

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Nixon

That the Ōmarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee Meeting receive the report titled Central Government Updates Relating to the Waste Sector dated 17 June 2022.

CARRIED

## 7. MINOR ITEMS - *NGĀ TAKE ITI*

There were no additional business items.

## 8. URGENT ITEMS - *NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI*

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 2.18pm

Confirmed:

Chair:

Date: