

# Organics Processing Plant Community Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Boardroom

6:30pm to 7:30pm, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Executive summary of minutes

Apology noted from Paul McMahon (CCC elected member). The Organics Process Plant Community Liaison Group (“**OPP CLG**”) accepted the previous meeting’s minutes. The OPP CLG thanked David McArdle (CCC Staff) for his prompt help and wished him well in new role.

### 1 Transport Issues and Reporting

Discussion took place on ongoing transport issues being experienced in the wider Bromley area. Issues related to uncovered vehicles, for example, carrying shingle or other aggregates. Any transport related issues need to be notified via NZTA.

Previous minutes advice restated below:

*The Road Code states loose bulk loads being transported in a vehicle without a tarpaulin fitted should at no time reach higher than 100mm below any side of the vehicle.*

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode/heavy-vehicle-road-code/the-truck-loading-code/specialised-requirements/loose-bulk-loads/>

*Complaints against commercial operators can be made with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi using the following form. <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/contact-us/complaints/commercial-operator-complaint-form/>*

#### Action 1a: Provide links to the NZTA report forms

Previous work undertaken by ECan on dust monitoring in the wider Bromley area was discussed. Any additional dust monitoring in the Bromley area by ECan would be subject to the availability of appropriate resourcing and budget. Living Earth confirmed that dust monitoring at the OPP is continuing.

**Action 1b: ECan to provide documentation on previous work undertaken on dust matters in the wider Bromley area.**

### 2 Ecogas Resource Consent Hearings

Discussion took place on the current progress of the Ecogas resource consent application. Next stage in this process is a Hearing scheduled for 11/12 June 2025 at the ECan offices.

**Action 2: ECan to confirm the time, date and venue for the Ecogas hearing.**

### **3. Ecogas Timeframes**

Discussion took place on the publishing of timeframes associated with the Ecogas development. It was agreed that there was an advantage to all parties (community and council) if a timeline was kept publicly available on the CCC website. The timeline is acknowledged as indicative and subject to change after the outcome of the resource consent process is known.

**Action 3:** Ecogas projected development timelines to be published on the CCC website and updated post the outcome of the consent process.

### **4. Affected residents' felt experience reports and questions arising**

Residents' odour reports and experience shared. In general terms the odour experience is improving but is still variable and weather dependent.

### **5. Christchurch City Council (CCC) report, including Ōtautahi Organics Processing Solution update and questions arising**

The interim solution continues to be operated – stage 1 processing in the tunnels followed by stage 2 processing at Kate valley. Pro-active odour monitoring by Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) continues. No offensive or objectionable odours detected during this reporting period.

### **6. Living Earth answer any questions arising from their CLG report. Note: the report will be taken as read.**

Dust monitoring continues at the site. Dust results are reflective of the reduction in dust generating activities i.e., no outside storage or processing of compost. A dust spike during this period was attributed to off site dust generation.

### **7. Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer questions arising from their CLG report. Note: the report will be taken as read.**

Odour reports reflect the same experience being observed by PDP. No offensive and objectionable odours recorded during this period and no compliance breaches.

**8. Any further questions about resource consent compliant for Organics Processing Plant.**

Nil

**9. General Business**

Timeline for Bromley site closure was discussed. Site closure is aligned to the progress of the Ecogas resource consent application. An updated timeline will be provided once the Ecogas resource consent process has concluded.

A discussion took place on the Bromley site resource consent. It was confirmed that a new resource consent for the reduced operation at Bromley is not required. Essentially the reduced operation is covered by the existing resource consent

Meeting closed.

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## **Verbatim minutes**

**Chair** – Carl Pascoe

**CCC Elected Member** - Yani Johanson

**CCC staff** – Lynette Ellis, Alec McNeil, David McArdle, Rory Crawford

**LE** – Jaco Kleinhans

**ECan staff** – Lauren Hamilton

**ECan elected members** – Greg Byrnes

**Community** – Andrew Walker, Vickie Walker, Carol Anderson, Geoffrey King, Bruce King

**Apologies** – Paul McMahon

**Minutes** – Roanna Dalziel

## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – opened meeting and agreed to remind the local Member of Parliament to come a community liaison group meeting. Carl announced David McArdle's promotion within the Christchurch City Council (CCC) meaning that David would no longer be involved with the community liaison group. Carl expressed appreciation for David's well-mannered and prompt help and wished him well in his new role.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – was glad to be part of this journey with positive change and that he was sure the council team will continue with that change.

**All** – applauded David's work.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** asked for apologies. The response was Paul McMahon. Carl suggested a round of introductions, which was given.

**Bruce King (community)** asked Rory Crawford what his position is.

**Rory Crawford (CCC Staff)** – Community Development Advisor, so part of the community board. Council staff.

**Bruce King (community)** – so you are here in place of Paul McMahon?

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – clarified that Paul McMahon is an elected member with the community board whereas Rory Crawford is staff.

## **2. Confirm the previous meeting's minutes**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Raised the minutes of the last meeting, which were circulated electronically and in hard copy at this meeting. People happy with them from the last meeting or want to make any amendments, changes, typos, grammatical errors?

**Vickie Walker (community)** - thanked the previous minute taker for spelling her name correctly.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – took the minutes as approved.

## **3. Report back on actions from the previous meeting**

***Action 1a: Paul McMahon (CCC elected member) to inform community members in attendance through email with the details of the 27 February 2025 community board meeting regarding future use of the OPP, once confirmed.***

Actioned on this agenda.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** noted that Paul McMahon is not at this meeting to speak to the future of the site. Anyone want to say anything to it?

**Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** we held a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February and got feedback from the Community Board. Status now is that the project is being discussed internally to see if there is any use for the site for council departments. We go through an internal process to notify all heads of departments that the land bank will be available from a projected date. Then we get feedback from different people to confirm what part, or all off the facility could be used for. Any future activity at the site won't be anything related to waste. So, that process, will continue and we will be able to report back to Council by the end of this year.

**Bruce King (community)** – so when is the projected date, would be interesting to know?

**Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** –December 2026 - June 2027. Was May 2026 – December 2026 but we've pushed it out by six months. By June 2027, the site might be available for a different use.

**Q. Bruce King (community)** – and what are the orange buildings down the back doing there at the moment?

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** – which orange buildings?

**Q. Bruce King (community)** – I don't know, I saw them as I was driving down Dyers Road the other day.

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** – part of the site was leased out to the heritage team, so they brought in a series of containers – temporary, ad hoc structures – to store bricks.

**A: Bruce King (community)** – that will be what I saw.

***Action 1b: David McArdle (CCC staff) to update the Bromley meeting through a newsletter with the details of the 27 February 2025 community board meeting regarding the future use of the OPP, once confirmed.***

Actioned with this agenda.

***Action 2: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to arrange a team member to go to Dyers Road and Masons Road and look into uncovered trucks carrying metals, shingle, etc. as raised by Vickie Walker (community)***

Actioned with this agenda.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – asked Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) about dust monitoring.

**A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – sure that she gave an explanation as to what was required for dust monitoring.

**A. David McArdle (CCC staff)** – captured straight after the last CLG. Feedback there and what was required around transport.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – about the trucks along the road. Not an ECan responsibility. Got some details as to what to do which is to go to NZTA to follow up so, if any queries or concerns, that is the channel. Lauren didn't send it to NZTA. I don't have the details.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – sharing information, there are requirements under the legislation and submit a form to NZTA if you want to make a complaint.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – check who the operator was and the time of day. There is a link to the form in the agenda, by the look of it.

**New Action – send links to appropriate NZTA forms with minutes.**

**Action 3: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to share information on their work on dust monitoring for the quarries.**

Actioned with this agenda.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – have to go through the Long-Term Plan to actually get funding to do that, as to what they had to do to get that in place for monitors to be installed in the area. Yani requested the documentation.

**New action – ECan to provide documentation associated with any work on dust monitoring for the local Bromley area.**

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – The project stopped. There is no funding, no resources. Until ECan chooses to progress this work then the community will have to live with the dust.

**Carol Anderson (community)** - thanks

**Q. Bruce King (community)** – do we have to live with the dust when it is a health hazard, especially from the quarries?

**A. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – we shouldn't have to. But that's probably something Greg [Byrnes] needs to pick up as part of ECan's work.

**Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – what I was going to say was that we talked about doing a submission to the annual plan last time and there were none forthcoming, but it was raised as something in the wish list, so we've had hearings so far, so we've got deliberations.

**Q. Carol Anderson (community)** – were you expecting residents to make submissions?

**A. Greg Byrnes (ECan elected member)** – well, that helps. If the public say.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – I definitely didn't pick up on that. Otherwise, I would have provided ... nothing but coughs day in and day out.

**Bruce King (community)** – If you just go down Masons Road today and look out the out gate of Kevin Blair quarry's yard there, the road is just covered in mud so that's going to turn to dust in the next couple of days and it is going to be sunny so it will all be blown our way.

**Andrew Walker (community)** – I live five houses down from the Fulton Hogan depot [on Welders Road] so I know exactly – my house is always covered in dust, my gutterings always filled with silt and the road is covered in crap. So, I know exactly what you are talking about.

**Goffrey King (community)** – and our lovely new Masons Road.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – in terms of dust, I don't know when the next ECan / Council governance to governance meeting is. Thought in the past, good for us to have that on the agenda so Council and ECan are working together to put better monitoring equipment in place if we can. We have a smart cities technology budget and ECan have some expertise about what's good to measure. I do know that the wastewater team have put in new equipment around the midges. Staff putting in some better monitoring around environmental type conditions. Personally, I think, there still needs to be more and I don't think it is an issue that we should lose sight of. Appreciate that it's not entirely in the remit of this meeting. Dust is an issue from Living Earth, don't think it is breaching at the moment, but it has been an issue in the past. But I guess the message from the community would be zero tolerance on those people who are breaching consents and hopefully at the moment from ECan would be better equipment or proactive monitoring just maybe some process of checking on those sites that are high risk would be useful.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – we are monitoring the consents in that area.

**Carol Anderson (community)** - there was a mention of some form of dust and all the other stuff that goes on in that area on the Bromley page recently and some smart alec turned around and said "What do you know? What is it like? It's an industrial area. You shouldn't live there. Move." We were there long before that was. It's not helpful.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – we continue to get the team to monitor the area, as they have been over the last wee while.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – it is an industrial area now, but it never used to be.

**[Bruce/Geoffrey King (community)]**– yes it did Carol, as far as I can remember.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – not dusty and the way it is at the moment.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – so, Yani's right, in terms of this meeting which is focussed on the Living Earth plant, the original question on dust was to ensure that the dust monitoring coming off the plant.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – which Living Earth has monitors on. That's covered under that umbrella.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – The Living Earth monitors are still in place. I'll talk to you about that, and we also monitor the background levels.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – It's not coming from them.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – The concern is that we always hear it is not coming from someone and until we had the joint "smelt it" app with the community data and some different monitoring around the odour, we finally established there was an issue. A similar process was underway in the rest of the areas of the quarries which, from my understanding, seemed quite a



good approach to find out where the dust was coming from and there is still a need to do that in this area but recognise that the current equipment isn't showing there is a problem. The more we can learn from what has worked in the past compared to what hasn't is better. Greg and I will keep pursuing this through our respective organisations to try and get better resources. I do agree with residents. That there is more than impact of dust on health. In Rolleston it exceeds, WHO's standards – quite badly. I agree, there's an impact of dust on health in particular. People shouldn't have to live in that environment.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – Too late

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – That's where it starts to fall over and more into the community boards.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Council basically.

***Action 4: David McArdle (CCC staff) to share ECan Organics Processing Facility webpage link with the minutes.***

Actioned on this agenda.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – David, you have done what was required in action 4?

**A. David McArdle (CCC staff)** – Done on action 4 and 5. ECan updated minutes included in this agenda. And ECan updated that website as well.

***Action 5: Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff) to share an updated and more detailed timeline, including when things are happening, of the Ecogas' OPF consent application, and how it sits against the legislation.***

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Lauren, timeline on consents, where is the consent process at please?

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – New site consent in process. Received ten submissions and nine members of it are going to be heard. The submissions will be heard on 11-12 June and the Commissioner will be making a decision.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – This is for what?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – This is about the consent on the new site, Geoffrey. At Hornby. Updating on the timeline.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – This is really upsetting me this timeline. It was meant to be out of there by the end of this year / beginning of next. So how are we going another two years away? So, the timeline is what's the length of a piece of string. It's twice the distance from the middle to one end.

But we know that. And this is just going on and on and on and on and on and on and on. I'll be bloody dead before the thing is shifted. Correct?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – I hear that. I just want to check, we currently are the 12<sup>th</sup> of June?

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June is when the submissions will be heard.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – What is the usual time that it takes from the hearing before Commissioner' decision?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** –...I understand that, the information we've been given at Council, we're expecting the commissioner to have finalised the decision some where around 15<sup>th</sup> of, is that right?

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** – something around 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – 7<sup>th</sup> July. That's right.

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** – the commissioner will have come to end of their deliberation and then there is an appeal period of fifteen days which takes us until the end of July for a final outcome. And, hopefully by then, the ECan process is complete.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – so, as far as I understand it, and so we get it in plain simple English.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - once the consent is issued or denied, because either can happen, that's the point at which this community will have some understanding of where they go next?

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** – there is an appeals period after the consent.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – how long is the appeals period?

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC staff)** – 15 days.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** - so by the next committee meeting, we should have some idea whether it's... Have they bought the land yet, because that was the problem last time?

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC Staff)** – the land purchase is schedule to complete by 31 May 2025.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – oh good.

**Alec McNeil (CCC Staff)** – You're right. By next meeting, we should have concluded the consent process, know the outcome, and then be able to update the development timeline.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – And we've looked at the report, the team have looked at the report that's come out. And they've looked at the objections that have been published. Nothing that bothers us about what people are doing. All people are doing is engaging in the process to ensure that there can

be the conditions etc that manage the impact on their land as in neighbours but there is nothing in the process that bothers us and Lynne (the project manager who is working on this) is quite calm about it all.

**Q. Geoffrey King (community)** – would you put your house on it?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – I wouldn't put my house on much. Probably not, not my house. But I'm, I've been as consistent and as honest with you through this entire process. And we are not worrying about this process. Having said that, I will be sitting in those hearings listening to them. Along with Alec [McNeil]. On the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>. But we are not worrying, don't believe there's anything of significant worry for us.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – so this waiting period is hard for communities.

**Carol** – we've been waiting for a long time.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – I get that one Carol.

**Geoffrey/Bruce King (community)** – 16 years.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – yep. But also, at this point in a process, knowing there is a possibility of hope, and still having to sit and wait is a hard point for communities, that is the reality of it. And so, I'd encourage you not to just start to catastrophize down rabbit holes on what might be not or might never happen. We've got six weeks basically – would that be about right six to eight weeks from now? Someone do the math; I can't do that math. Bit like a politician.

**A. Alec McNeil (CCC Staff)** – outcome should be known by end of July 2025 so we will be able to update for the next CLG meeting.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – what about with the neighbour on the boundary?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – hang on a minute, Geoffrey, what I do want to request as part of this, try to reduce risk, anxiety for communities.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - will Council commit that if you have a decision before that date...

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – we'll put it up.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – will you immediately notify?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – we'll put it up.

**A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – it'll be on our website straight away as well.

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – and we'll make sure it goes out in the newsletter as well so that everyone knows like we did as soon as the report was out for the hearings report – the section 42 report. That report was up.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – that is what we've got. What I don't want us to get into is a discussion about what's happening in Hornby, what neighbours are thinking, all of that stuff. That just does not help us. Would be my suggestion to you.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** - and like I said, there is nothing that bothered us.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** - so I just want to acknowledge and thank ECan for putting so much of the consent information online – it's been really good. They put the submissions, they've put the application, they've put lots of detail, which is really good in terms of transparency. There's two things in the officer's report which I think is worth mentioning here. One is the officer recommended that the consent be approved with conditions so that's good news. The second thing which is not so good but not too concerning is that they've recommended a twenty-year duration instead of a thirty-five duration but there will be negotiation between the submitters, I presume, until a final decision is reached on the different conditions, including the duration. From the staff's point of view, what they are feeding back in terms of ECan staff, is that ECan staff are recommending in the positive that it be granted is a popular thing. So that is good. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> are open to the public so anyone can attend. I don't know if we have the meeting room yet but we can circulate around so people can...

**A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** - we'll let you know by Sunday.

**New action – ECan to confirm date of hearing and room number at Ecan offices**

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – if people wanted to attend the hearings meeting – you'd be welcome to do so.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – and Yani you've had more experience than many of those in this room around consenting processes and that sort of jazz from a governance point of view. It is as I would understand it is now, I would ask for you and others in this room to confirm often when a new project is launched, even if you get people making submissions in opposition, that in itself does not mean it's not going to go ahead.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - Right, it's a robust debating point? The Commissioner is the one who makes the final call?

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** - yep

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – the commissioner weighs up the evidence and makes the final decision.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – but it's also fair to say that there are cases where commissioners do overturn officer recommendations. Not uncommon. I think that's probably the best way to put it. Lauren will know more but it will be a lot harder, I think, if officer was saying "reject the consent". But there is still a responsivity around it and it's not uncommon for commissioners to have different views than officers. But, at least, thankfully we have a date now for a hearing and there is a statutory timeframe once the hearing is concluded. There's a few risks around seeking additional information, I guess, but we should be able to plot quite clearly what the next steps are.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – so my encouragement to everyone in the room is to not catastrophize, don't let your imagination go yet. Wait until we have some definitive point to work with. It just doesn't help any of us in our mental health if we keep going down those places.

**Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – can I just clarify, has the land actually been sold? There was a condition in the original sale and purchase agreement. Has it gone unconditional and then sold?

**A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** That's been aimed for the end of this month. That was the date that was supplied to ECan.

**Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – why wouldn't the land be sold ahead of the consent being granted compared to other ones?

**A. Lauren Hamilton ECan staff** - I would dare say it wasn't planned to do that. But the consent got delayed and the sale is still going through even though no permits.

**Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** - why not?

**A. Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – well, it's happened. The consent was delayed but they are still going through with the sale and that is ECan's problem not Councils. At their risk.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – Getting clarity around timeframes with the consent delay would be helpful. So, people can see the different milestones.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – I think it's absolutely critical. Even when consent is granted, and the thing is built keeping this community up with the time frames. And being very transparent about that will be of use to everybody.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – we are aiming to do that around timeframes, but we can't do that. We are in the same boat as everyone else over the next few weeks. As soon as we know what the outcome of the consent is, we then can start putting very hard deadlines and timelines on the contractor and holding them to account. But until we get past these next few weeks, it is a bit difficult to do that. So, what we have done is broadly said, the consent has been delayed this much, this means everything is delayed by this much, the same amount of time at the other end. That's not to say... we'll get detail

around that. What you can have comfort in, is that Ecogas is still progressing their processes around the build, the sale of the land. They are still progressing.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – the only other thing I wanted to check from people in the community, you published timelines on the site, yes?

**A. Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – Which one?

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – the milestones.

**A. David McCardle – CCC staff** – previously there was. Those have since been removed as Lynette has just said until we have a decision on consent and then they are going to recalculate those.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – so we are broadly saying that we are expecting to be shifting material between December 2026 and May 2027. Which is six months later than we originally planned.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – So, what I'm going to say is that it would be, to the advantage of all parties (community and council) if that you keep a timeline available publicly. And as it alters, because they do, you update it in terms and presentation that will apply to someone who is as dumb as I am. So, I can read it and understand it in simple everyday terms.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – we are looking to do that. It is really difficult right at the moment.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – I understand but the more information and transparency you give communities in a format that they can understand; in not necessarily technical, official, legal, council whatever institutional language the better and safer it will be. For everyone.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – yep. As long as there is an understanding that they will shift. They will shift.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – people in these communities are actually quite sensible. Everyone in this room lives in a community.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – we're not really dumb.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – that's what I'm saying Carol.

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – I didn't say that at all ever but the one thing I do and because I have been on the short end of the stick, and I think Lauren probably has been as well. You put dates up when you know they are not right, and you know they are going to change, you get hung on those dates. And hung out to dry and vilified by it. So, the staff are not prepared to put them up at the moment because we don't know them. And that's the issue we've got.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – I have greater faith in communities' ability so long as you are clear, they follow it and will go with it.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – the people who read the headlines only. They just jump feet first. If they get past the headlines they go “Oh, so that’s what’s happening”.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – but I know, quite frankly, there is a public issue, but I am more concerned for the regular faithful community people on this side of the table who have turned up for years. They are the audience. Do all you can to keep them informed in recognition of the amount of energy and effort they have put into this. Right?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – no one gets killed in the process. Keeping you informed in response to the time and effort you have done over the years should be taken into account. That’s what I’ve been encouraging you to do. Even just to this group. The wider community will do what the wider community will do. But this group deserves some wider respect and recognition than that. Yep?

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** – yep.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – and you understand moving timelines, don’t you Geoffrey?

**Geoffrey King (community)** - They do move and so long as you understand the reason for it, it’s better than not knowing where you are at would be my encouragement.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** Let’s move on.

**New action – Ecogas projected development timelines to be published on the CCC website and updated post the outcome of the consent process.**

#### **4. Affected residents’ felt experience reports and questions arising**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – over the last three months, what have we learnt? Are you still monitoring, measuring?

**Geoffrey King (community)** – I am. For April, I didn’t smell anything. It’s very good, actually. February. You right?

**Roanna Dalziel (independent minute taker)** – Yeah, I am, just making sure it is you who is talking.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – In February 6/6 was 1, 5/6 was 1, 4/6 was 2, 3/6 was 2. Six. Now last February, where it was up around the 26 mark out of 30 days, roughly. March 5/6: 2. 4/6:4. 3/6: 5. Up 11. Still a lot better than it was. April, I never smelt anything, but other people did but I never did.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - you haven’t had a cold or anything, Geoffrey.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – It’s cold I know.

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – thanks Geoffrey. Thanks for your diligence in recording the dates. Thanks for your diligence.

**Q. Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** - I just want to check in March, did you have something recorded on the first of March?

**A. Geoffrey King (community)** – Oh, I'd have to go and check my...

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – that was the Bromley Community Centre Fair, and it did reek and, again, it was probably about the fifth or sixth fair that I've been too.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – but, once again, just depends which direction the wind is going that day.

**Bruce/Geoffrey King (community)** – would have been an Easterly that day.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – you don't think it's God telling you not to go to the Fair?

**Yani Johanson (CCC elected member)** – I'd never not go to the Bromley Fair.

**Bruce/Geoffrey King (community)** – about 50 metres up the road from me. 80 actually. He can smell it and I can't and vice versa. And what they are doing at the site?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – so it is better but not eliminated.

**Bruce/Geoffrey King (community)** – Better than it has ever been.

**Carol Anderson (community)**: definitely.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – that's cool.

**Carol Anderson (community)** - I've got so much gardening done, it's not funny.

## **5. Christchurch City Council (CCC) report, including Ōtautahi Organics Processing Solution update and questions arising**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - do you want to add anything to what we've already talked about in terms of the solution?

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – we've ticked off the discussion about consent for the new facility and future use of the current site. In terms of an interim solution, Council continues as it has been. Compost removed direct from the tunnels and transported to Kate Valley. PDP: we're continuing with them doing external odour monitoring in Bromley area. So, for the reporting period we're looking at for this meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> February to 30 April, PDP were out on twelve of dates and nine of those dates they did pick up a low compost odour. So, there is one occasion, 17<sup>th</sup> of April, there was a weak compost intensity 2 odour in the residential area and in their assessment it wasn't considered offensive or objectionable, wasn't a consent breach. All of that information is captured in the table



here. And there were some dates in the industrial zone generally, what PDP are finding is that it is in line with trucks being loaded out. But, again, these are intensity 3 and lower. Odour assessments were not considered offensive or objectionable (ie: a consent breach).

**Geoffrey King (community)** - see that's another argument. Some people the intensity of it. Some people complain. Monitors go out from ECan and they say, that it has been, they have observed it, have noticed it, but whilst it is illegal and breaks the consents and it breaks 1991 Resource Management Act. They still do nothing about it.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – we talked about this before, that odour is subjective, and the assessment is non subjective. When I say that PDP has tested the odour and consider it not offensive or objectionable in their opinion that's following the Ministry of the Environment odour assessment guidelines and that's a ten minute assessment.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – but they haven't lived in it for 15-16 years of it and they are not going to.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – all I can say in response to that, it is following objective guidelines on a national level. The staff that PDP have sent out are trained. They have calibrated noses, their noses are calibrated, checked to ensure they don't have any particular sensitivity to pick up odour. Essentially...

**Geoffrey King (community)** – but the consents say no odour over the boundary. That's been our argument all along.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** - offensive and objectionable, are measures to be met.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – the detection of odours is somebody saying “this isn't odorous” and someone saying “yes it is” it's subjective. What's offensive to one person is not always offensive to another.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – and that's the difficulty.

**Carol Anderson (community)** - odour is odour and we don't like it circulating in our hair. Well, that should be taken notice of, not just dismissed because they are the big boys.

**Geoffrey/Bruce King (community)** - and it is dismissed.

**David McArdle** – what I'm saying is that PDP are admitting the lower odour, and it is an improvement now. It is in that industrial zone, and we are continuing to monitor it.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – we have been saying for 15, 16 years there is odour, and it stinks and we shouldn't have to live with it. But they go “oh no, no. It's not odour. It's not offensive”.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – we are not saying there is not odour.

**Geoffrey/Bruce King (community)** – we are dismissed.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – this is how the whole thing started.

**Geoffrey/Bruce King (community)** – and when you do find the odour, the fines have been put in place to deter it. The first offence is \$600,000 (up to). What do you go and charge them for? Not saying you in particular but ECan: \$1,700. Well, it's a joke, it's a laugh.

**Carl Pascoe (chair)** – so the issue in all of this, because this goes around, each time we get to it, if it's acknowledged if for example back in the day the living experience of residents had been taken and respected. You had a history where no one was listening.

**Carol Anderson (community)** – we have now.

**Carl Pascoe (chair)** – it's gotten better slowly in the last couple of years but you can't ever go back.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – I understand that.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - so trying to respect and understand the 16 years that Geoffrey has been part of this.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – the rules say, the law states, the first fine is \$600,000 and everyday it continues \$10,000 a day.

**Bruce King (community)** – that's right

**Geoffrey King (community)** – but nothing happens.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – yes

**Geoffrey King (community)** - that is the law of this country. And these people. The person in charge of ECan is getting paid more than the prime minister.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – yes, I understand all of that.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – and she doesn't respect the law.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – I understand all of that, Geoffrey and if you can come up with a way to change all of the system then let the world know because this is not the only community that this happens to.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – yes, I understand that. But we need to change the CEO at ECan.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – well, there are a range of solutions, Geoffrey.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – She’s useless.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – we don’t do that here. Doesn’t help us. Communities hope that from each of these people learn so that next group of people living in the community can do things differently and don’t have to go through the same thing again.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – well they are going to get the same thing in Hornby.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – well that’s a belief Geoffrey but we don’t have evidence yet, so we’ll wait and see.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – just ask Reporoa.

**Bruce King (community)** - Just ask the people in the quarries up there. They’ve had the same actions as we’ve had. We have had two representatives of city council blatantly telling us that we’re bloody liars. And don’t agree with them. I’m very pleased that David and, sorry what was your name again,

**Lynette Ellis (CCC staff)** - Lynette

**Bruce King (community)** are here because they are the only two from the city council who have agreed with what we have said.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – yep.

**6. Living Earth answer any questions arising from their CLG report. Note: the report will be taken as read.**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - Right, Living Earth.

**Geoffrey King (community)** – Unliving Earth.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Jaco?

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – do you want me to go through the report?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Do you want to do any highlights, anything from it? It’s been published, out there for people to read.

**Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – Quick report on the dust report on page 29, that spike you see there, “onsite all” – that is an “offsite” background sensor or dust collector. Not related to the site. That’s what they use to test against. You’ll see a spike and it’s usually during the higher, dustier months. But not related to the onsite activities. So the dust monitoring is still in place, it remains in place as part of the consent. We have just moved one of the dust monitors from the heritage team area into the existing Living Earth area. The normal onsite odour assessments are ongoing. Current tunnel periods

are 14 days and in tunnels already started extending because going into lower volume period, truck offloading is ongoing. The next one was the biofilter refurbishment period and that was completed.

**Q. Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – there was no shift in the odour when you were doing...?

**A. Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** - No, done over two days and it was well coordinated.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – any questions of Living Earth?

**Q. Geoffrey/Bruce King (community)** – It says here that the green waste, something about the trucks loaded outside the OPP so why aren't they loaded inside?

**A. Jaco Kleinhans (LE)** – The OPP is not large enough to load outside because we use high sided trucks. So, two things, it is literally so close to the roof beams, that they hit the beams. Number two, when green trucks start coming in, there is too much traffic onsite. In an ideal world, if it was designed to do that, yep would do that.

## **7. Environment Canterbury (ECan) answer questions arising from their CLG report. Note: the report will be taken as read.**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – anything you wanted to highlight from your report? We've covered the next piece of consenting timelines. Is there anything else at your end? We've done dust.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – no, we've only had one report which is very similar to the PDP one where it was low odour but nothing else and that was on 14<sup>th</sup> March. That was why I was intrigued about your reports. I remember you were saying there were about five? But you don't have the dates.

**Bruce King (community)** – well, I do at home.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** - and that's about it. Other than that, unless you have any questions for me?

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – one of the things, Geoffrey, where I was trying to get to, with your fives and sixes on your scales, if we could have the dates, so we could try and get out peoples' experiences (and we only have Geoffrey's experience counting the data) correlating with other data. It then validates the residents' experiences in life as being a valid measure.

**Bruce King (community)** – but then nothing gets done.

**Lauren Hamilton (ECan staff)** – can you send it to us? A copy of it? Or a photograph of it?

**Bruce King (community)** – I can tell you the dates for the five and sixes. it might be Thursday or Friday.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – it's just to validate the community's experience, which has been one of the issues over the years.

**8. Any further questions about resource consent compliant for Organics Processing Plant.**

Nil

**9. General Business**

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – it's General Business time.

**Geoffrey King (community)** - we've got another two and a half years before we are free of it.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** - completely free. You're a lot freer now than you were, even according to your data, Geoffrey. Not as objectionable as it was by a mile or two. I think we should recognise that. Is there any other general business, any questions from anybody relating to this plant. Bruce?

**Bruce King (community)** – because not operating as the consent is issued why haven't they applying for a new consent so we can all put in an objection.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – that was answered in the last meeting.

**Bruce King (community)** – I wasn't here.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – it's in the minutes of the meeting. Do you want to answer it again?

**Lauren Hamilton – ECan staff** - I don't know all the details but because they are operating at above and beyond the conditions in the consent and it's in an improved process.

**Bruce King (community)** – Yeah but they have changed their operating conditions so therefore it should have been re-consented.

**David McArdle (CCC staff)** – it's not a change in the operating conditions, it's a reduction so the outside element of the operation so everything is compliant to the conditions for the operation minus the outside operation that is non-existent. Not applicable. No activity in regard to those considerations. I did want to bring attention to this. Bruce, before you mentioned the bank planting. Working with ECan and planting has commenced.

**Lauren Hamilton – ECan staff** – would you like us pull advice out?

**Bruce King (community)** – I think the whole operation isn't operating as consented. The whole rubbish collection not operating as consented.

**Carl Pascoe (Chair)** – Noted. Anything else? The meeting is closed. See you in three months hopefully with a consent in hand.

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