

Manywells Community Working Group
Progress Note from
Meeting held on 02/10/07

Introduction

The aim of the meeting was identified as being to facilitate communication and enable the concerns from the village to be communicated to officers. The group will work in partnership and is a consultative rather than a decision making body.

Members of the group agreed that the focus will be on the current situation and the future rather than revisiting previous problems with the site.

Councillor Simon Cooke will chair the group with support from Brian Hobson and John Brigg. Minutes will be taken by a Bradford MDC officer.

The Environment Agency will be invited to attend meetings.

Communications

The newsletter should be issued quarterly on a regular basis.

Feedback at Cullingworth Neighbourhood Forum meetings will continue.

It was agreed that a poster for display in the village with pertinent 'latest news' would be useful to re-iterate the information about the large drilling equipment which will be used on site in October/November.

A Community Working Group progress report will be put on the Manywells webpage after each meeting.

Site visits will be organised for the working group.

Situation Review

Brian Anderson of Environmental Protection Division, Bradford MDC, reviewed the project management structure.

Andy Parkin, of Major Works, Bradford MDC, reviewed current works and their purpose.

MWH consultants have carried out a review of all the landfill gas, leachate and groundwater monitoring data to help develop an understanding of the way the landfill is developing.

Leachate is being pumped from each of the two landfill 'cells' on the site two or three times each week by the Bradford MDC site manager.

The temporary flare stack is pumping landfill gas from the network across the site 24 hours a day, but the concentration of carbon dioxide in the gas is still too high to enable it to be ignited.

The topographic profile has yet to be finalised and will depend on how the site settles (and therefore reduces in size). There is ongoing liaison with the planners about this issue. The timescales for completion also depend on how the site settles.

A decision is expected to be made in the spring of 2008 about whether to start re-profiling the site or to leave it to settle until 2009 or later.

At the moment there is leachate perched on layers of impermeable material within the waste. It is believed that this leachate is preventing the production of gas and the settlement of the waste. Therefore the large diameter boreholes will be drilled on the site in November 2007 to try and get the leachate to drain to the base of the waste from where it can be pumped away to sewer.

Installation of the boreholes may give rise to odours which might be noticed in the village. All the waste arising from the boreholes will stay on the site.

A temporary clay cap will also be installed on the site to reduce the amount of rainwater infiltrating into the waste. In order to carry out this work the vegetation will have to be removed in certain areas which will change the appearance of the site particularly from the southern side (Denholme Road).

Future meetings

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 08/11/07. Meetings will then be held every two months.