

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PEOPLE AGAINST INCINERATION
HELD AT POTTERS SNOOKER HALL ON 17TH APRIL 2008

The meeting opened at 7.05 p.m. Those present as per attendance sheet. Chair B. Thompson.

Apologies: J. & J. Kitts, B. Fairhurst, G.Allison, A. Minchin, M. Patel, P. & T. Evans, J. Bradbury, J. Fazey, A. & A. Bird, S. & A. Tift, S. Tift & L. Ackroyd, J. & J. Toplis, P. Watson, J. Smart.

A moment was taken to remember Derek Garden who passed away recently and to offer condolences to his family.

Treasurer: Linda gave details of potential costs involved in the purchase of balloons and the production of t-shirt placards. She also presented a sample of the large "anti incinerator" plastic signs that we have had made. Recent expenditure amounted to £389.43. Current balance stands at £1885.64.

Fundraising: Needs to be addressed.

Distribution: Nothing to report at present.

Membership: Currently stands at 188. There are 70 on the mailing list and we continue to receive telephone interest.

Raffle: Proceeds £37.

Allen reported that the Veolia planning application appears to be on target for either 20th May or 24th June committee meeting. We need as many people as possible to be present with our protest material both at the proposed incinerator site and then at Kelham Hall. Proposed to make a fun day of the proceedings and have a protest picnic in the district council grounds.

It is our intention to get into the Council Chamber, however we will not have any opportunity to speak.

Can anyone come up with a protest song or chant?

Allen is going to NCC as an observer. Stella Smedley, Portfolio holder for the Environment, has asked that the incinerator is not mentioned. Allen will also be speaking with Mike Evans, Head of Planning at NCC.

A further meeting has taken place when consideration was given to Sherwood being included in the Regional Forest. The question was posed as to how an incinerator fits into the plan for such a scheme. There was no reply. When it was suggested that a choice should be made between one or the other, an uneasy non-response was noted.

Legal & Research: We have received confirmation from Natural England of their status as a statutory consultee for all planning applications. They will use the Habitat Directive to view the Veolia application.

Expecting to meet with members of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and discuss their response also.

P-A-IN has asked Veolia to provide certain information under the Freedom of Information Act. A short explanation was given to the meeting as to the history of Veolia winning the contract to dispose of waste for 27 years. Previously NCC have not given any information regarding the PFI

contract. Residents of Nottinghamshire have now been given access to details of the contract which we will scrutinise and follow up.

Kirkby Gasification Plant proposal – details have been passed to an expert for assessment and comment regarding the potential impact on local residents. A letter has been sent to the Health Protection Agency. We are awaiting a reply, which they are obliged to do. P. Cullen has also made contact by telephone. No information was available. He was advised to approach NCC where they have sent their report.

One member has spoken to an employee of Severn Trent regarding the implications of the incinerator. A suggestion has been made to contact OFWAT.

UKWIN AGM – we attended. Shlomo reported that the meeting was successful. Of some 50 representatives from across the country, approximately half of them were in attendance. More details should be available later.

P. Frost, P. Cullen and Shlomo have met Alan Meale. He has declared his resistance to the incinerator. He did indicate his support for us, but it was felt that he did not appear to be particularly well informed.

Someone who was previously employed at a “bring site” in Sutton in Ashfield has provided us with information relating to the operating tactics of Veolia. It was made clear that the differences in management policies before and after the takeover are significant. Legal & Research team have a number of points which may be followed up.

Allen informed the meeting that information has been received that the proposed site for the incinerator may be a “red herring”. Investigations have shown that UK Coal are carrying out significant work which does not appear to fit with the proposals. It has been said that the work being carried out is intended to stop people riding motor bikes on the site.

It is understood that Lafarge have put in a planning application to extend their contract to extract minerals for a further two years. We will be watching the proceedings carefully since this site is very close to the area of the proposed Sherwood Forest Regional Park.

There was no Other Business.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 16th May at Joseph Whitaker School, to commence at 6.30. Our guest speaker will be Paddy Tipping, talking about the number of possible stages involved in the planning process.