

CERC COMMUNITY FORUM
CERC – 30TH JANUARY 2023

Present:

From CERC: Tony Burge (CERC Plant Manager), Lisa Thompson (Senior Community Liaison Manager), Sarah Cotton (SUEZ Education and Community Officer)

From St Dennis PC: Julia Clarke (Chair), Sharron Kelsey

From St Stephen-in-Branell PC: Keith Truscott, Julie Broad, Paul Wadley

From Cornwall Council: Jackie Ward, Head of Waste

Dick Cole, Cornwall Councillor

1. JC welcomed attendees. Introductions made. Apologies received.
2. SC started the meeting with a quick run-through of health and safety while at the CERC
3. Minutes accepted, no matters arising.

4. Operational update from Tony Burge

Tony ran through the key monthly events since the last CERC community forum in June.

June – getting plant tidied up after spring outage

July – commissioning of combustion control system on Line 2

August – full clean of air cooled condensers

September – looking into changing burner fuel as had to move from red diesel to more expensive white

October – online cleaning of both lines, new gates in tipping hall, start to plan for 2023 outage

November – LED lighting installed inside and outside plant, electronic permit system being rolled out, EA visit

December – EA report received – minor actions required in process of being completed.

All emission levels met except for a small (0.16mg) one-off exceedence of hydrogen chloride.

For the last year – approx 170,000 tonnes contract waste and 70,000 tonnes of non-contract waste delivered and burnt (just under the maximum annual allowance of 240,000 tonnes).

Throughout year training on health and safety, forklift, advanced turbine management, fire awareness for staff. Apprentice (from Treviscoe) taken on.

Over the period there were: six various minor injuries (eg cuts, sprain); fourteen incidents of property damage to kerbs, posts etc; eight near misses eg not using marked walkway, bullet found in bottom ash, hand grenade found in bottom ash (police called).

5. Community report by Sarah Cotton

408 visitors to the CERC from a range of groups

All staff entitled to a day for volunteering – activities include stall at Royal Cornwall Show, working with Bodmin Railway and wildlife organisations, beach cleans, career fair, and involvement in pride month.

6. St Dennis and Nanpean Community Trust Fund report by Julia Clarke

To date 59 groups supported and over £650,000 approved. Bank balance on 12th December was about £465,000 with around £60,000 to be paid out to approved applications.

7. Questions

Four questions received by email re info on website, the CERC's carbon footprint, local air quality, and the tonnage of waste received from North Devon Council. Lisa Thompson has responded.

7. AOB

Re waste not recycled. 4% of the ash produced (approx 60 tonnes a year) is fly ash that cannot be used and is sent to a specialist company in Northamptonshire for disposal.

CERC will look into shielding outside and interior lighting to reduce light pollution around the plant.

8. Date of next meeting will be Monday 24th July at 6.00pm

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