

TPL Community Liaison Group Meeting

21st January 2020

6:30pm – Johnsonville Community Centre – Room 5

Attendees: John Taylor (TPL)
Neta (TPL – Minute Taker)
David Lawrence (Resident)
David Stephen (Resident)
James Gilbert (Resident)
James (Wellington Regional Council)

Apologies: Carol
David Clarke
Tim

Welcome:

Discussion: Hours of work
Currently Taylor Preston are running 2 shifts Lamb Cutting Boning Day/Night and Beef Boning Day/Night and will run until March/April, depends on farmers and weather. We currently only have 1 shift for Beef Slaughter board, should be going into 2 shifts soon and should run until June/July. We are currently 90% full of staff at the moment.

Improvements

Taylor Preston's has replaced 3 quarters of its bark in the bio filters in August 2019. TPL is also about to construct a cold store/new loadout built on site and should be completed sometime next year. In the meantime we have been sending product to Hawkes Bay which is costing the company 2.3 million.

Odours and noise complaints

Vapour Technology was also mentioned and also seeing when it will be progressing, but still in discussion with John Taylor. Also all our chemicals that we have on plant must be MPI approval before coming on site.

Also David Lawrence mentioned a noise at night northern side of the plant, as we will be looking into that.

Complaints

The number of type of complaints received over the last year was discussed (15 received by Taylor Preston's plus an additional 2 received by the Regional Council).

An issue was raised that some of the security crew were unaware of how to handle or process complaints. John noted that additional training would be put in place for security staff. James also offered to come on site and discuss odour management with staff

General Business

- Planning to upload complaints to website and do updates
- Making sure complaints have been recorded
- Logging or texting complaints

Actions

- David to send John and James links to odour mapping app to consider potential relevance and application for Taylor Preston's

Community Awareness

It was noted by all present the disappointment that only 3 residents attended (150 letters were sent out). It was suggested that attendance could be improved if meeting dates were advertised much earlier in the future (e.g. several weeks' prior to each meeting). There was also a suggestion that the time of the meetings may be an issue (e.g. early evening), particularly for people with small children who work.

Meeting concluded at 7:30pm.