

# **TPL Community Liaison Group Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

6:00pm – Johnsonville Community Centre – Room 2

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**Attendees:** Hugh (Greater Wellington Regional Council)  
John Taylor (TPL)  
Lynette Harper (TPL – Minute Taker)  
David Lawrence (Resident)  
Martin Valais (Resident)  
Kathy McKechnie (Resident)  
Nicola Young (Resident)  
Brad (Resident)

**Apologies:** David Clarke

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**Welcome:** Third meeting of the community liaison group. No chairman elected when offered to the group by John Taylor.

**Discussion: Hours of work**  
Currently Taylor Preston are working a day shift and a night shift across the plant. We process 1.4 million small animals per annum and are 100% Halal.

### **Number of people on site**

We can get up to 850 people on site during our peak season and down to 500 in the off season. This season has seen us processing lower numbers of stock due to farmers holding on to stock due to the good weather. Labour has been an issue for us this season and at one point we were 60 people short for processing and absenteeism has also been at a high of up to 25 people from the Mutton Slaughter Board night shift at one time which causes processing issues.

Due to stock numbers this week we are contemplating removing one of our running chains and reducing the chain speed from 9 animals per minute to 6 animals per minute. The lack of skill shortage and staff has seen a large loss in offal such as heads/brains/pituitary glands/cheeks etc.

### **Taylor Preston Ltd Share Sale**

Andrew Taylor who has been the major shareholder in Taylor Preston Ltd has sold a significant amount of his shareholding to Hawkes Bay Meats Ltd, who also owns Progressive Meats Ltd, Te Kuiti Meats, Ovation and shares on other businesses associated with meat processing.

### **Improvements completed**

Hydrolyser – air now piped to the bio filter

Belt Press – Dewatering system is now in an airtight contained box to ensure odour control has been reduced significantly. This was implemented in January 2018.

### **Odours**

Odours detected in the last week around 9pm-10pm (Monday/Tuesday) raised by Martin, Nicola and Brad. Warm, still night. Martin will look back in his diary and let John Taylor know what day it was so John can look back and see if there was a specific reason on the particular day.

David Lawrence also said that 5pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and also smelt one last week around the same time, unsure of the day. He did not report this to GWRC.

7 complaints have been made this season (29<sup>th</sup> September through until now), a total of 13 over the last 15 months have been reported.

JT investigated one complaint in Maldive on 28<sup>th</sup> February, no success in locating the odour.

Odours possibly due to the cyclone last week.

No effluent dumped onsite at TPL – drivers are to empty at the bottom of the gorge before coming up to the plant.

### **Pest Management**

Large rats the size of small dogs seen coming up the hill what type of pest's management do we have on site was asked by Martin.

John explained that Rentokil are our contractor on site for pest management and that this is monitored and audited on a regular basis and further bait stations added if necessary. We also have regular fly sprayings undertaken across the site and zappers which are in continual use.

### **Noise Complaint**

Complaint raised in regard to clanging, loud, metal scraping on concrete sound at night. Nicola is happy to record the noise and send it to John for further investigation. Noise has also been heard by Kathy and Martin.

**This has been tracked down to the cement plant and the operators beating the sides of the bins to get product to move on start-up**

Rendering plant has a dryer which has been in place for 8 years and this is now showing some wear. This machine processes 10 tonne of product and hour. Discussion is currently in place regarding removal or repair and the impact this will have on business and neighbours in the TPL vicinity.

### **Annual Air Extraction Assessment and Report to GWRC**

Report is due to be submitted to Hugh by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 to ensure adequate extraction is happening in the Rendering Department. Hugh suggested to John that this report be made available on the website, so the neighbours have access to view it in its entirety. John does not see any issues with making this available.

### **Quarry vs Taylor Preston Ltd**

WCC have taken over 12 months at this stage considering the requests from TPL and there is still no resolve at this stage. Nicola and Brad attended the Wellington City Council meeting last week with Simon Gatenby, and the council have been criticised quite heavily for the delays in resolving this issue. Nicola said it did seem like the meeting was more in the favour of TPL than the residents regarding the quarry.

Currently shipping to Longburn and Whakatu which is a heavy cost to TPL now WPC is not in operation.

### **Website**

John advised the meeting in regard to where the minutes of these meetings can be found on the Taylor Preston Website and also advised that the odour complaints can also be logged on this site or by phoning direct through to TPL security.

Residents have been advised that it is much quicker to contact TPL in regard to an odour complaint as it can be investigated immediately as opposed to an officer having to travel up to an hour to investigate. Any odour complaints made directly to TPL have to be reported to the GWRC within 24 hours of notification.

### **General Business**

DL said that GAG is now officially non-existent. Bob (the founder) has moved location.

Kathy left the meeting at 6:50pm as her children were with her and restless. She has asked that in the future the meetings be scheduled maybe at 7pm to allow for other residents with children to be able to attend once their children are settled for the evening.

Milk goats have not been processed since before Christmas 2017.

Nicola and Brad thanked John for holding the meeting as the residents feel like they have been heard and they don't have to worry as we are being upfront about what is happening on our site.

Martin was also thankful for the information provided at this meeting.

John is happy to deal with noise complaints regardless of whomever is responsible for the land etc.

Meeting concluded at 7:00pm.