

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Website Progress

D Fawcett updated the meeting on actions related to the establishing a Website for the CCF. It was confirmed that progress had been slow following communication with IT colleagues in the UK and Sweden. However, the Company would continue to pursue, and it was agreed to continue to issue minutes via e-mail. Although there was no urgency, it was hoped this would be resolved within the next three months, and could be launched with any external communications relating to the Forum.

2. Prudhoe Mill Updates

Energy Recovery Plant

A Woodburn explained that regarding the ERP, outline planning permission had been granted and the Company was now working on detailed designs which would require approval of the Environment Agency (EA). It was anticipated that the EA would review the plans with the Vendors (designers) in March/April 2007. It was hoped that the Company would be able to share more information about this with the Forum at the next meeting.

T Mitcham stated that conditions of specific expectations had been given with the planning permission. A Woodburn confirmed that there were a couple of expectations relating to the design and approval – (1) that the design was acceptable and (2) that the implementation would be monitored to ensure delivery.

A Steedman asked whether the plans would need to return to Tynedale Planning. A Woodburn informed him this would depend on any changes required.

Tree Planting

A Woodburn informed the Forum that following the concerns raised about the new IDC, the Company was keen to take steps to enable the buildings better blend in with the site. Therefore, it was expected that a process of tree planting would commence within the next two months. The trees would be 'Serbian Spruce', and the first planting would be at the area next to the housing.

T Mitcham explained the Carbon Offset Scheme, and informed the Forum that his Parish Council had such a scheme in place. He was also interested in whether the Company could assist in this through the supply of trees, for example, through an intermediary. Further, in Wylam Village, he explained that tree planting was a popular activity to acknowledge 'occasions' such as births, anniversaries, deaths etc. and suggested this may be an opportunity to get schools involved.

A Woodburn confirmed the Company had previously explored something similar. It was agreed that at the next meeting a site plan would be shared in this regard. **AW**

Noise

A Woodburn informed the Forum that the planning application for a canopy on the 'old' IDC had been approved and work was commencing on this. It was also likely that plans for another canopy on the main site to better contain noise from trucks and wagons would be submitted. T Mitcham asked about lighting for the site, and A Woodburn confirmed a revised arrangement was now in place.

T Bradley asked the Community Representatives whether he was correct in his perception that the 'look' of the factory was not a major issue compared with other businesses in this area. T Mitcham agreed, however, his view was that the main issue was 'visual' rather than related to noise.

A Woodburn confirmed that a further plan was to review the colour scheme of the site, with a proposal to move to green to improve 'blending in'. This would be another topic to share with the Forum in advance, and planning permission would be needed if the Company progressed this idea. T Mitcham asked whether there were any models for such schemes, in Sweden, as

an example. A Woodburn acknowledge that Sweden was very environment/energy conscious, but were perhaps not as innovative in site camouflage.

T Mitcham also asked about overall pollution, monitoring and control, and also emergency plans.

A Woodburn confirmed that this was not a COMA site, but did have in place 'Crisis Management Procedures'. The main issues were related to fires and any environmental incidents. He explained that Environmental Audits take place in line with the ISO 14001, and these set out objectives and responsibility in reporting any incidents. T Mitcham requested further information and understanding of these which, in his view, could provide reassurance to the local community. A Steedman asked about contact with Northumbrian Water, and A Woodburn confirmed the Company liaised with them on a regular basis, mainly regarding the risk of flooding.

It was agreed that at the next meeting a presentation would be given about the Crisis Management Plans related to the Environment and Fires. **AW**

T Bradley asked if since the last meeting, any interest had been generated by people in the local communities. T Mitcham confirmed this had been the case, via his Parish Council. He stated that the Forum provided the opportunity to raise awareness and give feedback to his local community based on what *actually* takes place.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th April 2007 at 2.30pm at Prudhoe Mill.