

ISLAND VIEW COMMUNITY FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held at 17:30 on Monday 11 November 2024

The Club House, Fynnlads Primary School, 277 Lighthouse Road

Present (as per attendance register)

Phillip Collyer (PC)	Bulk Connections
Sifiso Dube (SD)	Vopak
Sifiso Guma (SG)	Vopak
Derek Heale (DH)	Resident
Mfundo Ndwandwe (MNd)	Transnet
Nomzamo Ncube (NNc)	Bidvest Tank Terminals
Ringo Naidoo (RN)	Bluff Rate Payers
Phumulani Ngema (PN)	eThekwini
Pearl Nxumalo (PNx)	Bidvest Tank Terminals
Shamona Sookhlal (SS)	eThekwini
Pelan Soobramoney (PS)	Cutler Board
Shireen Whitby (SW)	eThekwini

Secretariat

Mrs Rose Owen (RO)	Phelamanga
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Apologies

Des D'Sa (DD)	SDCEA
Santosh Hansraj (SH)	eThekwini
Emmanuel Khuzwayo (EK)	Engen
Nompumelelo Mdlalose (NMd)	Engen
Ningi Ntombela (NNT)	Engen
Nompumelelo Myende (NoMy)	(Transnet Pipelines)
Noxolo Msiya (NMs)	Vopak
Thomas Maduraimuthu (TM)	eThekwini
Sagie Naicker (SN)	Cutler Complex
Len Naidoo (LN)	Cutler Complex
Phathu Raphalalani (PR)	eThekwini
Zoe Solomon (ZS)	Ward Councillor

MEMBERS BY INITIALS

AA	Ashnie Adams	NK	Nkosana Keleni
AB	Adriaan Briel	NMd	Nompumelelo Mdlalose
AM	Andile Mafika	NMs	Noxolo Msiya
ANj	Ayanda Njapha	NMt	Ntokozo Mthembu
AR	Andy Rossell	NoMt	Nokukhanya Mthuli
AW	Andy Willman	NoMy	Nompumelelo Myende
BD	Bongani Dube	NN	Ntsaphokazi Ncarashe
CC	Cindy Cande	NNc	Nomzamo Ncube
CZ	Celani Ziqubu	NS	Nondumiso Siko
DD	Des D'Sa	ON	Oliver Naidu
DH	Derek Heale	PC	Philip Collyer
DHi	Daniel Hiralall	PMa	Pavan Maharaj
EK	Emmanuel Khuzwayo	PN	Phumulani Ngema
EM	Enock Mchunu	PNx	Pearl Nxumalo
EZ	Eric Zondi	PuNt	Pumeza Ntisana
FT	Fikie Tsekiso	PR	Phathu Raphalalani
GJ	Garth Jonathan	PS	Pelan Soobramoney
GM	Gift Mathula	RO	Rose Owen
HH	Hlengiwe Hlela	RN	Ringo Naidoo
IA	Ivor Ayiward	SD	Sifiso Dube
IN	Isaac Ngubane	SG	Sifiso Guma
INd	Innocent Ndlovu	SH	Santosh Hansraj
JM	Jeffrey Madingami	SiMaz	Simphiwe Mazibuko
KD	Khanyisile Dlamini	SMe	Sandile Memela
KP	Kyrin Pillay	SMo	Sakina Moosa
KT	Kevin Thomas	SMp	Simphiwe Mpanza
LC	Louise Colvin	SN	Sagie Naicker
LB	Lionel Beukes	SS	Shamona Sookhlal
LD	Lindo Dube	SSh	Sizwe Shiba
LMo	Logan Moodley	SSi	Samuel Singh
LN	Len Naidoo	SW	Shereen Whitby
LP	Loganathan Perumal	TM	Thomas Maduraimuthu
MC	Malcolm Canham	TMa	Thembilihle Mazibuko
MF	Melanie Francis	TMb	Thobile Mabaso
MMa	Muzikayise Malindi	TiM	Tirelo Mamosebo
MMb	Mpume Mbambo	TN	Thandeka Nodada
MaMb	Mandla Mbuyazi	WH	Warren Hale
MMo	Melusi Molefe	YC	Yuza Chabalala
MMs	Mkateko Masingi	ZC	Zama Cele
MMu	Malindi Muzikayise	ZN	Zibuse Ngcece
MN	Mvuzo Ntombela	ZNg	Zandisile Ngundze
MNd	Mfundo Ndwandwe	ZM	Zamani Mtshali
MNk	Mduduzi Nkosi	ZS	Zoe Solomon
MR	Melvin Ramlall	ZZ	Zamokhule Zuma

	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RO welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for attending and asked them to introduce themselves and who they represented. She let the forum know that the meeting will be recorded for accuracy of the minutes. Apologies as recorded above. 	
<p>2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The draft agenda was accepted and adopted. 	
<p>3. PURPOSE AND FORMAT OF MEETING</p> <p>The scope and format of the meeting were restated as follows.</p> <p>3.1. Scope of meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss issues, originating from the Cutler Complex, of interest to the immediate community around Island View. These issues include odour complaints, transport or traffic matters, health related issues and emergency communication. The aim is to pro-actively engage between the Community, Industry and the Municipality on issues affecting the Community. 	
<p>3.2. Agreed format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly • Public meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Word of mouth ○ Extensive database • Meetings to focus on genuine issues • Timing: from 17h00-20h00 • Venue easily accessible • Attendees to submit issues prior to the meeting • Agenda to cover agreed topics 	
<p>4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2024</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING</p>	
<p>6. ACCUMULATIVE RISK AND MHI UPDATE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RO noted this is a standing item as an opportunity for stakeholders to raise any issues of concern. No further updates have been received from eThekwini. RN noted that this item is important for the community of the Bluff as neighbours to Island view. He noted with concern that there needs to be an update from eThekwini, when there is an incident, and the Edwin Swales access route is blocked it is very concerning. He gave the example of the recent disaster of the snow causing road closures in the Midlands and the number of people who were stuck, if there was a disaster incident on the Bluff and then people need to have information. RO to request the eThekwini team to provide feedback. PC gave input that there are MHI and emergency plans for each site within the Island view Complex, and this is communicated with the fire department. He noted that when there is an incident the fire department and industry are aware of their roles. He did not discount the need for community to be informed. RN noted that he recognises that industry have plans but community need to know what the plan is. RO noted this is not a new concern and she will take it back to the eThekwini team for response. 	RO to follow up

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7. INDUSTRY REPORTS

7.1. Bidvest Tank Terminals

[Link to .pdf of presentation in Annexure]

1. PNx presented an update from the BTT site.
2. PNx informed the meeting that on 12 August 2024 there was a minor fire on the Phenol Overhead Line outside bay 1 site at gate number 4.
 1. BTT undertook investigations and identified failed insulation caused current to stray from the line and arc to the support structure therefore igniting insulating material.
 2. From the AIA inspection, it was recommended to replace a section where the fire started. Other observations were pitting along the length of the line. The line section was replaced and reinsulated.
1. On 28 August 2024 when they tested the line to reopen it, a similar incident of a minor fire occurred. On investigation it was found that there had been poor work quality of the previous repair (insulation). The insulation was held by wire which was pulled tight in some areas promoting the arcing of the line. "U-bolts" were installed inside the insulation by the mechanical contractor.
 2. Removed all insulation and reinsulated the line. U bolts re-evaluated and replaced. Conductivity testing was done on the line prior to re-commissioning. All was clear.
 3. PNx then gave an overview of the planned maintenance for the Tanks and Berth lines.
 4. It was highlighted that where the compliance indicates less than 100% this is due to the work being currently undertaken on that item, so it is not yet complete so can't be seen as compliant, once it is complete then it will reflect as 100%.
 5. PNx highlighted the upcoming shutdowns and maintenance for the site.
 6. RO asked for clarity on what NDE means.
 7. PNx clarified it refers to the check for like bill of health for tanks, checking seals, flanges and not just visual but extensive checks.
 8. PNx noted they were delayed in the completion of the boiler which is due to come online in December.
 9. RO asked if there were any activities that stakeholders should be aware of that could cause an "upset" like condition, for example when the boiler is brought online is there any condition that they could expect, e.g. black smoke or an odour. So, people don't get distressed and can follow up if it goes beyond the predicted time or day.
 10. PNx responded that their communication team will share information in advance. They are not expecting any issues as the boiler has undergone a thorough refurbishment.
 11. They will also have the rental boiler on standby in the event there are any issues or they are not satisfied with the boiler.
 12. SW asked what the boiler feed was? Is it HFO? What is the upgrade referred to?
 13. PNx clarified it is HFO and the boiler has had a refurbishment not an upgrade. They don't have a set date but anticipate it will be in December. SW asked that the industry notify the eThekweni team so they are aware, as it is anticipated that when there is a start up there could be smoke.
 14. SW confirmed that it is important that operations talk to environmental so there is a good flow of information.
 15. SD asked if the equipment used for odour management, what is the maintenance for that?
 16. PNx responded that they do periodic maintenance on site. She is unclear of the details of frequency she can check and will follow up.
 17. NNC noted that BTT have scrubbers on their tanks for vapour recovery. They do not have a lot of product that requires scrubbers.
 18. PNx also noted they have the online monitoring for emissions.
 19. SD further asked if BTT have a contact number they could share so that people can find out if something is occurring or let them know?
 20. NNC will share the control room contact number.

ACTION

1. No report was received.
2. ENGEN were in an audit and tendered apologies.

7.4. SAPREF

[Link to .pdf of presentation in Annexure]

1. No report was received. The SAPREF LDR is due next year and a report will be provided at that time.

8. eThekwini Passive Monitoring

1. PNG gave an overview of the screening program that the city undertakes.
2. They undertake passive screening.
3. The screening is for information, they can't use it for prosecution but to understand the air quality and if further action, sampling etc. is required.
4. He gave an overview of the positions of the samplers.
5. The results were shared. It was noted that the data from May to 23 October is available. They are monthly figures for Benzene which is the only compound with a standard for comparison.
6. The data shows that the concentrations are low in the ambient air. There were some peaks but not elevated to cause concern.
7. It was noted that there was only a peak from 8 May – 5 June.
8. It was noted that currently ambient Benzene levels have reduced. This was also evident in the dry winter months when normally there is an elevation due to the inversions.
9. DH noted that the 8 May – 5 June readings are all showing a “spike” has there been any ideas on what caused that?
10. PNG indicated that weather plays a big role, if there is no wind or rain then the conditions aren't dispersed so the samplers capture more.
11. RN asked with the testing what is the highest contributor to Benzene levels? PNG noted it could be solvents with a Benzene component, it is also vehicles, petrol being burned, trucks, taxis, cars, petrol stations. Vehicles are the biggest contributor.

8.1. eThekwini Odour Complaints

1. SW gave feedback there had been complaints, but they were related to sewer surcharge issues and not industry.
2. SW noted there was an issue with SAPREF at night, there was a gas leak. DD placed the complaint. On attending to the site, SpillTech were onsite and the odour had dissipated.

9. TRANSNET PIPELINES

1. MNd confirmed update from Renee remains the same.
2. MNd gave feedback that the communication plan is still to be finalised. He is hopeful that the appointment of the agency will bring this project to public facing. He hopes it will be able to be introduced to the forum in February 2025.

10. TRUCKING FEEDBACK – WAR ROOM

1. RO highlighted this is a space on the Agenda for feedback from the trucking decongestion forum and to raise items to take to that forum.
2. RN noted there have been conversations but he would like to understand how much traction there is. The roads are being destroyed and there is increasing congestion.
3. RO noted that there have been reports that the port has improved their schedule and logistics and asked if this has shown any improvement for the area.
4. DH commented that on Bayhead road there are a lot of trucks going to the container piers, the companies want to get into the port early, they wait to go in and it blocks the road. There does appear to be some improvement on the scheduling. He further indicated that Edwin Swales issue is the container depots.
5. RN raised concern of the rumoured fuel depot that Engen is proposing and the risk of the tankers in the area. This needs to be escalated and proper planning undertaken.

	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>6. RO asked if there is no SAP for the container depots what are the bylaws to manage the traffic requirements. SW confirmed it is a land use management issue as the activity does not trigger an SAP, unless there is maintenance work being done at the depot.</p> <p>7. PC gave feedback on the decongestion forum that there has been procurement of straddle carriers and this should further improve the issue. PC further explained most industry in island view have staging areas before they come to port. The DCT do not have a staging area. Other industry have been forced to have staging areas outside e.g. Cato Rideg and they only release 100 -150 trucks.</p> <p>8. RN asked if the same principle could not be applied to Edwin Swales, could they not stage outside of Durban until they need to come in.</p> <p>9. DH noted that this falls outside of Island View. RO noted DH was correct. We recognise that the issue has an impact. RO asked industry to remain vigilant in their own staging and truck logistics and to continue to engage their drivers.</p>	RO to feedback
<p>11. CANALS AND ESTUARIES</p> <p>1. No items were raised.</p> <p>2. RN noted that in Merebank there was an issue with sewer discharge to the canal. RO asked if this comes into the port.</p> <p>3. SW noted it does not.</p> <p>4. RN asked if the discharge is sampled, as it goes into the ocean, he asked if samples are done on the canals that discharge into the port.</p> <p>5. SW noted they have only had complaints about the spill at the golf course.</p> <p>6. It was noted that the industries in Cutler are at the end of the canal and do not discharge into the canal.</p> <p>7. SW noted the sewer issues go back to maintenance issues.</p>	
<p>12. ANY OTHER BUISNESS</p> <p>1. RN thanked the industry for their feedback, he found the meeting informative, and he was disappointed that the community were not in attendance as the industry were making themselves available after hours.</p> <p>2. RN asked about the excavation on Tara road for a sewer issue, and there was concern about the possibility of Transnet or Engen Fuel line in the area.</p> <p>3. MNd noted that there is not supposed to be any excavation without a waybill. It was further noted that the Transnet Pipeline is in a servitude and it has concrete markers. This will also form part of the communication that was referred to earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>4. SW noted that SAPREF and ENGEN drive the pipeline regularly and they share info to each other. There are also markers on the road.</p>	
<p>13. PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2024</p> <p>10 FEBRUARY 2025 (In Person)</p> <p>15 May 2025 (Online)</p> <p>14 August 2025 (Online)</p> <p>10 November 2025 (In Person)</p>	
<p>14. CLOSURE</p> <p>RO thanked all for their attendance and participation during 2024, she wished them all a good summer holiday.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.10</p>	

Read and confirmed this

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Facilitator

ANNEXURE

The following links to the presentations referred to above will be freely available in Phelamanga's Dropbox until the next meeting of the Forum.

PRESENTATION	LINK	FILE SIZE
Bidvest Tank Terminals	https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/v0td78y9cwedvzbdag00r/BTT-Maintenance-Report-11-November-2024.pdf?rlkey=8e2ovoygd9r40x1l76rqns9ik&dl=0	272 KB
eThekwini Passive Screening	Data/Analysis/2024-11-11.pptx-Presentation_Island-view-Forum_Health.pdf?rlkey=ir15q33519z114sabsmbo7fy0&dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ql3n4uu15fbdsbz64hzzj/Benzene>Data/Analysis/2024-11-11.pptx-Presentation_Island-view-Forum_Health.pdf?rlkey=ir15q33519z114sabsmbo7fy0&dl=0	678 KB
SAPREF	No presentation	
Transnet Pipeline	No presentation	
Vopak	https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/zoh7pe0jo8jgtrtgw4ebs/Island-View-Community-Meeting-Vopak-Maintenance-11-November-2024.pdf?rlkey=brvmitv8cm77huq4vdv5rd6ua&dl=0	337 KB