

Taylor Preston Community Liaison Group Meeting

13th March 2024 – 5:30pm

Johnsonville Community Centre

Welcome and Introductions

It is noted that only Taylor Preston Ltd and the Emily McDowall from the GWRC attended this meeting.

Hyden McCracken was introduced as the new Processing Manager responsible for Yards, Rendering, cleaning, and Slaughter.

Attendees

John Taylor – TPL Plant Manager

Hayden McCracken – TPL Processing Manager

Emily McDowall - GWRC

Last meeting minutes; action points.

Meeting Minutes were not available due to the receptionist leaving the company and losing minutes.

About Taylor Preston Ltd:

Current hours of work

Night shift has been discontinued for the season due to poor stock numbers and a beef slaughter night shift was start but beef slaughter was not full and unlikely to be full for several week.

Number of people working on site is now at 740 people which is the best number TPL have had in the past 4-5 years.

The current season to date

TPL's kill is up year to date on both beef and sheep, the markets overseas have been very soft. Farmers at times have been holding back on stock due to poor pricing being paid and having plenty of grass.

Rendering drier replacement

TPL's rendering drier is 15 years old and has reached the end of its economic life. A new drier was ordered 12 months ago and after several delays it is due to be installed.

The disconnection of services is scheduled to start on Sunday 24th March and the project will be completed around the April 7th.

In the process of changing the drier TPL will have a 320-tonne crane on site to lift the 65T drier. The actual change over between the old and new drier will take place over Easter weekend.

TPL will continue to process renderables in the front end of their plant but will only be saving tallow from this process with the undried meal will be screwed outside into bins and on a truck.

Odour control: during the time the drier is down, all extraction systems will continue to be operational and by processing tallow and not loading our raw renderables potential odour will be significantly reduced to the local area. Checks in the local hills will be carried out.

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Truck wash temporary closure.

Due to the water crises in Wellington, TPL have been working on reducing their water consumption as much as possible. One of these measures taken has been to close their truck washing facilities, this means trucks will be washing off site and out of the Wellington area. To date this has worked well and has not led to any increase in odour notifications since its closure.

It is noted the TPL uses the same amount of water as the city of Petone.

Odour complaints since the last meeting

TPL was notified of 11 odour incidents on the 2023 year, but it was noted by the GWRC that they had received 17 odour notifications 11 of which were from TPL. Emily stated that she would follow up with her people to ensure all notification were passed through to TPL on a timely manner.

Where can you find the minutes of these meetings?

On the Taylor Preston Web page under Neighbours- Community Meeting

General business:

John said it was disappointing that there were no locals at the meeting given around 100 letters were hand delivered to local's letterboxes.

Next meeting: March 2025.