

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016, ON SITE AT
THE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

PRESENT

Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Brendan Heenan (*Chair*)
Councillor Dave Douglas

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Greg Buxton – ASTC Technical Services
Director
Dinesh Pillay – ASTC Finance Director
Mr Reinier Laan – ASTC Manager Waste
Management Facility
Ms. Hayley Michener – ASTC Environment Officer
Mrs Joanne Craven – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES** Councillor Jade Kudrenko

The meeting opened at 12:04pm

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes from Meeting held 2 June 2016

Moved: Councillor Heenan

Seconded: Mayor Ryan

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 3.1 **Item 5.4 – CFL Recycling**

Councillor Heenan enquired if the machine was operational?

Reinier advised that the machine (Tube Terminator) has been installed and staff have been trained.

Report to go to Council to discuss fees and charges however looking at free drop off for residents and 50 to 75¢ per globe for businesses.

Advertisement in the newspaper and on our website to be conducted once the fees have been approved through Council.

Item 5.1.2 Landfill Fees and Charges for paper/cardboard

Mayor Ryan enquired about the meeting with Cleanaway regarding the fees and would like to see a breakdown of costs – how many tonnage received Vs funds received. Reinier advised that the cost is \$80 per ton and the cost covers labour, contamination and transport. Greg advised that Cleanaway has a national contract with Coles and Woolworth's to take their paper and cardboard so would come to our facility anyway and Council Officers have had a discussion with JJ Richards who indicated were not interested due to an internal contract with Mt Isa landfill. Mayor Ryan has requested that a report be provided to the Committee with a breakdown of costings and if possible to enquire with JJ Richards what they pay to transport to Brisbane.

4. CORRESPONDENCE**4.1 E-mail from Envirobank**

Email from Envirobank introducing the new depot manager James Anthony. Hayley advised that she has meet with the new depot manager, James and discussed issues around plastic recycling. Investigating options to work together once Council has plastic recycling in place.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 Recycling****5.1.1 Paper Baler**

- 3 staff members have been trained
- Storage facility is still needed to reduce any risk of contamination
- Grant application has been approved for a new container which arrives on site next week
- Discussion ensued regarding storage facility, weather conditions, potential contamination risks and process.
- Councillor Heenan stated that he has just obtained a 40 foot second hand container in town for roughly \$4k. Reinier to get details from Councillor Heenan and follow up.

5.1.2 Kerbside Recycling

- This item is subject to a TS report to the September round of meeting for approval to commence on the 1 July 2017.
- Within the report a timeframe will be provided
- Council Officers are investigating costings and specifications of a mini MRF.

5.2 Waste Grants

- Hayley advised the Committee that NT- EPA has another grant opening for CDL schemes. EOI open 1 July 2016 and the grant is worth up to \$20K. A submission has been developed for containers to be located at the Civic Centre and Depot.
- \$20 to \$30k allocated for education within the community related to kerbside recycling to be implemented in April 2017 prior to kerbside starting on 1 July 2017.
- \$22k on technical support/consultant to implement a feasibility study on kerbside recycling and waste stream.
- \$50k available for a hazardous waste facility of which Council has a letter of support from EPA.

5.2.1 Waste Strategy - Review

- SLR draft report has been sent to all elected members
- Mayor Ryan expressed his disappointment with the reports background history
- Final report due next week and will be sent out for any comments/ feedback
- Hayley to send follow up email to elected members seeking any comments

5.3 CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) Recycling

- Update provided under item 3.1 please refer to this section.

5.4 Hazardous Waste

- NT-EPA grants available for \$50k
- Grant submission being developed
- Council has a letter of support from EPA to accompany the grant submission.

6. Confidential Section

Refer to confidential section.

7. Financial section

- Finance section to be added to the agenda as a standard item
- Employee costs are down for the year is there a reason? Reinier advised that there are positions vacant a present and 2 new positon are currently being advertised.
- Discussion ensued regarding expenditure report
- The weighbridge is running 2% above budget which is a great achievement.
- Due to the timing of this meeting Dinesh advised that the figures supplied are for July however the up to date figures for August would be included in the financial reports at the September Finance Committee.
- Demolition materials are up by 50 to 100 tons this is due to the construction projects happening at present. Figures are to be broken down and provided next meeting.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Clean Up Australia Day – 18 September 2016

- This year's Clean Up Australia Day will be held on 18 September 2016
- Locations this year are the Todd River, Wills Terrace and Tunks Crossing

9. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday 1 December 2016 – 12pm at the Regional Waste Management Facility

Meeting closed at 1:08pm