

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY (RWMF) COMMITTEE HELD
THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2021 IN THE ARUNTA MEETING ROOM, ALICE SPRINGS TOWN
COUNCIL, 93 TODD STREET ALICE SPRINGS

PRESENT

Mayor Damien Ryan
Deputy Mayor Jacinta Price
Councillor Jamie de Brenni
Councillor Eli Melky (Chairperson)
Councillor Matt Paterson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Sabine Taylor - Director Corporate Services
Mr Takudzwa Charlie - Acting Director Technical Services
Mr Oliver Eclipse - Manager RWMF
Ms Stephanie Dominguez - Executive Assistant (Minutes)

13 th Alice Springs Town Council Regional Waste Management Facility Meeting - Attendance List 2020/2021				
	26 Nov 2020	4 Feb 2021	1 Apr 2021	3 Jun 2021
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓		
Deputy Mayor Jacinta Price	✓	✓		
Councillor Jamie de Brenni	✓	✓		
Councillor Eli Melky	A	✓		
Councillor Matt Paterson	A	✓		

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Attended

Apology received

No attendance and no apology recorded

Not a member of the Committee at this time

The meeting opened at 12:02pm with a quorum.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Robert Jennings - Chief Executive Officer
Mr Scott Allen - Director Technical Services
Ms Mel Bennett - Manager Finance
Ms Charlotte Klempin - Environment Officer

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Minutes - Regional Waste Management Facility Committee - 26 November 2020

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Regional Waste Management Facility Committee meeting held 26 November 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings

Moved: Councillor de Brenni

Seconded: Mayor Ryan

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising from the previous minutes

Nil

3.3 Action Items from the Previous Meeting

The Committee received and noted the updates in regard to the Action Items from the Previous Meeting. The following items were raised for discussion:

3.3.1 Town Camp Expenditure (Item 4.2)

The committee acknowledged the response from the Manager Finance which stated; *as at 27.01 balance of funding not yet received*, and requested the Manager of Finance follow up and provide a response at the next meeting.

Note: Further discussion occurred, and an action to follow up recorded under agenda item 5.

3.3.2 RWMF Environmental Management Plan (RWMF EMP) (Item 7.2)

Mayor Ryan sought clarification that the RWMF EMP licence renewal was on track and not being held up by the drafting of the new Climate Action Plan (CAP), as the response to this action indicated the drafting of the new CAP was commencing in March.

Minutes - Regional Waste Management Facility - 26 November 2020 (excerpt)

7.2 RWMF Environmental Management Plan

The Manager Technical Services advised that the current licence for the RWMF expires in November 2021, and Officers were in the process of renewing the Environmental Management Plan to submit to NT EPA and meet all the licensing requirements prior to the licence renewal.

Action:

Officers to include recognition of work within the RWMF Environmental Management Plan within the new Climate Action Plan.

The Acting Director Technical Services noted the request.

Note: further clarification in regard to the RWMF EMP was provided later in the meeting at agenda item 6.2.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Email from Councillor Cocking in regard to Illegal Dumping and Australasian Environmental Law Enforcement and Regulators neTWork (AELERT) Membership

The Committee received and noted the correspondence in regard to Illegal Dumping and AELERT Membership.

Further discussion occurred under agenda item 6.3.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 5.1 Financial Statement for the period ending October 2020**
- 5.2 Financial Statement for the period ending November 2020**
- 5.3 Financial Statement for the period ending December 2020**

The Committee received and noted the October, November and December 2020 Financial Statements for the Regional Waste Management Facility.

Councillor Paterson noted *Town Camp Funding* had increased from \$64k in September 2020 to \$118k in December 2020, and enquired if this was now up to date. The Director Corporate Services took the item on notice.

Action:

Manager Finance to attend future RWMF Committee meetings, and at the next meeting provide the Committee with information in regard to the balance of funding for Town Camps and when this could be expected to be received.

The Executive Assistant acknowledged a request to remove "Attachment 9" in the header of the Financial Statements from future RWMF Committee Papers.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Regional Waste Management Facility Report - Manager Technical Services

The Committee received and noted the *Regional Waste Management Facility Report*.

The Manager RWMF provided clarification in regard to:

- concrete *tonnes in* compared to *tonnes out from the 2019 Monthly comparison*, advising the figures reflected an existing stockpile of concrete that had been received across the weighbridge that had subsequently been processed and recycled, and
- confirmed that Steel was not recycled during the October / November 2020 period as recycled amounts were dependant on staff available to bail the product, and transport and contractor availability.

Discussion ensued in regard to Stage 2 of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) Trial which was due to cease on Friday 12 February 2021. The Acting Director Technical Services advised the FOGO bins would be retained by Stage 2 participants pending an evaluation of whether the project would progress to Stage 3. Mayor Ryan requested that appropriate communication (including Social Media) be made to ensure these participants knew that Stage 2 of the trial had ended.

Action:

Manager RWMF include Paint as a separate item in the *Monthly Comparison of Waste Totals*, and display information about the [Paintback Program](#) at the Rediscovery Centre.

6.2 RWMF Environmental Management Plan - Update - Acting Director Technical Services

Acting Director Technical Services advised that second draft has been received in regard to the RWMF EMP and progress was on track to have this completed by April 2021 ready to submit with supporting paperwork for the RWMF Licence renewal to the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Agency (NT EPA) in September 2021. He noted Council would expect a decision about the Licence renewal by December 2021, prior to the expiry of the current licence.

6.3 Illegal dumping and AELERT Membership

The Committee received and noted the AELERT *Charter* and information about the [AELERT](#) organisation. Discussion ensued in regard to; correspondence received from Councillor Cocking, and illegal dumping within the Alice Springs Municipality and on Crown Land.

The Committee discussed the aims of AELERT:

AELERT Charter – November 2019 (excerpt)

Aims:

- *Facilitate cross-jurisdictional collaboration on mutual regulatory challenges*
- *Promote the development of the regulatory craft*
- *Foster capacity building across the Network.*

The Committee resolved to:

- participate in further local discussions prior to joining a national body, and
- to request the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) present to the RWMF Committee, and participate in discussions relating to the issues and responsibilities surrounding illegal dumping.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation from the Regional Waste management Facility Committee to Council

That Officers engage with DIPL as soon as possible through discussion in regard to the issue of Illegal Dumping in the Alice Springs area, and that Officers invite DIPL to the next RWMF Committee meeting

Moved: Councillor de Brenni

Seconded: Mayor Ryan

CARRIED

Action:

Officers to obtain data from Council Rangers in regard to illegal dumping instances they have encountered, and provide this to provide Elected Members for the next meeting.

6.4 RWMF Recycling Infrastructure - Mayor Ryan

Discussion ensued in regard to recycling at the RWMF, and what another shed would be used for if the Council endorsed the investment of funds for this purpose. The Acting Director advised an analysis would be required of any proposed shed, and the committee acknowledged that significant funds would be required for the rehabilitation of the current cells.

Following discussion, the Committee resolved the:

RESOLVED:

It is a recommendation from the RWMF Committee meeting to Council

That Officers provide a report to Council Ordinary Meeting in relation to investment of a proposed shed in the recycling area to further advance recycling at the RWMF

Moved: Mayor Ryan

Seconded: Councillor de Brenni

CARRIED

Action:

Officers to present an analysis report to Council which includes; risks, benefits and costs associated with introducing a proposed shed for the RWMF to assist with better recycling numbers at the RWMF.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 1 April 2021 at 12:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm to resume in Confidential.

Moved: Mayor Ryan

Seconded: Councillor Paterson

CARRIED