

## South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

**Date:** Monday 01 February 2016

**Chair:** Cllr Richard Forster, District Councillor, Castleford Central and Glasshoughton Ward 4

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Minutes:** Suzanne Daykin, Administrator, Shanks

**Location:** South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

### Attendees

Tom Allsopp (TA)	Town Councillor, South Kirkby & Moorthorpe Town Council
Wilfred Benson (WB)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14
Eric Burkes (EB)	Local Resident
Dan Butterworth	Environment Agency
Cllr Michelle Collins (MC)	District Councillor, South Kirkby and South Elmsall
Colin Fletcher	Contract Director, Shanks
Cllr Richard Forster (RF)	District Councillor, Castleford Central and Glasshoughton, Ward 4
Julie Greenwood (JG)	Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council
Glynn Humphries (GH)	Service Director (Cleaner and Greener), Wakefield Council
Sally Hurn (SH)	Project Co-Ordinator, Shanks
Dan Jacobs (DJ)	Strategic Waste Technical Manager, Wakefield Council
Mike Walter (MW)	Process Engineering Manager, Shanks

### Apologies

John Kirk (JK)	Local Resident
Dominic Lally (DL)	Project Manager, Shanks
Sharon Paley (SP)	Environment Agency
Cllr Steve Tulley (ST)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby - Ward 14
Greg Wilkinson (GW)	Environment Agency

### Non Attendance

Kim Macfarlane (KM)	Local resident
Adam Redfearn	Town Councillor
Charles Robinson (CR)	Town Councillor
Nanette Swain (NS)	South Kirkby Residents Against Waste
Tony Ward (TW)	Local Resident

### Minutes

<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions – Richard Forster, Chair Person</b></p> <p>RF welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies – Chairperson</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from those as listed above.</p>
<p><b>3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 21 September 2015</b></p> <p>The minutes were reviewed on a page by page basis and were agreed a true record of the last meeting.</p> <p>CF advised that an update of where the pickers working in the MDR MRF lived would be provided during Section 9 of the meeting under Any Other Business.</p>

CLr Forster advised that discussions had taken place between himself and ST regarding the recruitment process but that no meeting had taken place.

TA advised that the latest notification received from Wakefield Council was that a 40 mph speed limit would be implemented on the Hemsworth side of the road junction. JG advised that it was expected that the speed limit would be implemented by the end of the Financial year.

#### 4. Project Overview – Julie Greenwood, Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council

JG commented that as everyone was now familiar with the service provision. This Section could be removed from the Agenda.

**A: CF and JG to carry out a review of the Agenda for future meetings.**

**A: SD to remove Project overview from the Agenda.**

#### 5. Service Delivery and Programme – Julie Greenwood, Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council and Colin Fletcher, Contract Director, Shanks.

JG commented on the following:

- Shanks is now delivering all operations and all Commissioning and Acceptance Testing parameters set out in the Contract have been met by Shanks.
- The Education Centre is now in full operation and there have been three education events delivered to local schools so far. Full details of the Education Centre would be published in the March edition of the Citizen publication.
- The RCV depot became operational on 25 January 2016 and Streetscene services have now relocated to the new premises.

CF commented on the following:

- The Christmas period was busy at Household Waste Recycling Centres and the Transfer Loading Stations, in particular the 29 December, which saw over 1,300 visitors at the Denby Dale Road Site.
- Since the Council collections changed from four to three in July 2015, the usage at Bring Sites has significantly decreased.
- The MDR MRF and In Vessel Composting (IVC) facility at South Kirkby is now in Full Service, and no major issues or breakdowns have occurred.
- The Residual Waste Treatment Facility where the waste is shredded and sorted has now reached Full Service and approximately 50% of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) is being produced from the waste.
- Additional Performance Testing will now be carried out over a period of six to nine months to ensure that all equipment is working as required and as the operator hoped it would.

DJ commented that there had been over a 40% decrease in waste being sent to landfill based on performance figures from December 2015 versus December 2014 and a 10% increase in kerbside collections was being achieved, the overall recycling had seen over 1% increase.

EB asked when flammable gas was expected to be produced. CF advised the gas was already being produced and the gas store was being filled. The flare had been commissioned and work is ongoing to ensure the gas achieves an acceptable quality so it can be combusted by the engines. The digesters are being balanced and fed and this is a long slow process to ensure they are brought into operation successfully.

Cllr Forster commented that he had heard a lot of positive comments regarding the level of service at Glasshoughton HWRC and TA also confirmed the same from South Kirkby HWRC.

WB asked if there had been an increase in members of the public using the brown recycling bins. DJ advised that there had been a 10% increase of kerbside collections within the district and that approximately 85% to 90% of householders were utilising recycling collections. GH advised that the Council would be focussing on any areas highlighted, where recycling bins were not being used effectively and asked if anyone had any information to notify the Council.

JG advised that an advert would be placed in the March edition of the Citizen publication to highlight which items can and cannot be placed in the recycling bins and will include a list of the top 10 offending items. This was due to the large amount of sharp objects and knives coming in through the recycling collections. CF added that every time a sharp object comes through, the belt has to be stopped which takes two minutes to stop and restart. In addition the recycling bin is being used to dispose of general rubbish and electrical items, which we must try and discourage.

#### **6. Project Construction including Programme – Colin Fletcher, Contract Director, Shanks.**

CF advised that the Construction phase was almost complete, minor alterations are required to be made to the wet MRF and the IVC following difficulties during the commissioning phase. The EPC team would make the changes prior to carrying out the Performance Tests for the next six to nine months.

#### **7. Environment Agency – Dan Butterworth**

DB advised that various visits had been carried out and follow up reports had been compiled. The following is a list of incidents which were found to have no Environmental impact.

- A minor discharge to surface water outfall had occurred, an investigation was carried out and it was found to be construction residue that had been flushed out during heavy rain.
- During the Commissioning stage there had been leachate / digestate spillages which had all been contained on the site.

DB also advised that the Environmental Permit had recently been updated to add all the operations now taking place on site. He also confirmed that the Environment Agency had not received any complaints. TA noted that he had not received any complaints regarding the sound or odour coming from the site.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

##### **AOB1: Staff Locations**

CF advised that updated details had been made available highlighting the areas where staff live working on the project. WB asked if there had been any decrease in the number of agency staff. CF advised there had not been a decrease and that the majority of agency staff worked in the MDR MRF.