

South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date: Monday 18 September
Chair: Lorna Malkin, District Councillor, Pontefract North - Ward 12
Time: 6.00pm
Minutes: Suzanne Daykin, Administrator, Shanks
Location: South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

Attendees

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| 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 |
| Cllr Michelle Collins (MC) | District Councillor, South Kirkby and South Elmsall |
| Colin Fletcher (CF) | Contract Director, Shanks |
| 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 |
| Lorna Malkin (LM) | District Councillor, Pontefract North - Ward 12 |
| Reg Mills (RM) | Local Resident |
| Cllr Ena Sykes (ES) | Independent Councillor, South Kirkby and Local Resident |

Apologies

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| Craig Capper (CC) | Senior Operations Manager, Shanks |
| Claire Mitchell (CM) | Environment Agency |
| Peter Oxley (PO) | Senior Operations Manager, Shanks |
| Steve Tulley (ST) | District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby - Ward 14 |
| Tony Ward (TW) | Local Resident |

Non Attendance

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions – Lorna Malkin, Chair Person

LM introduced herself to the group and introductions from group members were made.

2. Apologies – Chairperson

Apologies were received from those as listed above.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 12 June 2017

LM reviewed the minutes on a page by page basis and they were agreed as a true record of the last meeting.

RM asked if a log of the education events were kept as it would be useful to see which schools are benefiting from the Education service. SH advised that this information could be provided at the next meeting. CF also advised that it was intended that Jade Wilkes, Education Officer for Shanks would attend the next meeting to deliver a presentation on the Education service provided.

A: SH to provide a list of all education events carried out at the next meeting.

A: CF/SH to arrange for JW to deliver an Education service presentation at the next meeting.

TA advised regarding AOB 1 from the previous meeting (litter on the bypass), he had received a response from Streetscene advising that investigations were in place relating to complaints made of

litter emanating from back of the refuse vehicles. GH advised that if the vehicles were compacting the waste correctly this should eliminate the issue, he advised he would speak with Streetscene and advise at the next meeting.

A: GH to liaise with Streetscene regarding litter from the back of the RCVs and advise outcome at the next meeting.

RM asked if there were any further updates regarding the food bank initiative introduced by Shanks. SH advised that she had not received any further details from ST and was struggling to find local organisations to receive the donations. RM advised he could pass details of the person who runs a local charity and would advise.

A: RM to forward details of a local charity to SH for receiving food donations.

4. Service Delivery / Performance Update – Julie Greenwood, Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council

JG provided the following overview of the Project advising:

- As reported in the previous meeting, Shanks had narrowly missed the household waste recycling target of 52%, but this year an increase was being seen and they are on track to achieve the target next year.
- HWRCs are performing well with an average performance level of 60%
- Shanks are exploring other opportunities for new materials to maximize recycling.
- The Reuse scheme across the HWRCs is well utilized.
- An award was won by Wakefield Council at the National Recycling Awards for a recycling communications leaflet and the Council has been asked to promote communication methods at a local regional forum.
- Education events continue
- A User Satisfaction Survey will take place during October and November where a team will be based across the HWRCs and selected Bring sites across the district. Questions will be asked regarding the facilities, refuse collections and street sweeping facilities.
- The first of the annual Waste Composition Audits will be carried out an analysis carried out to see if the Lets Sort It Out leaflet distributed in March has had any impact on recycling.

EB asked if there are any plans to open a reuse shop at the HWRC. JG advised that discussions had previously taken place and commented that the only suitable area would be on site at South Kirkby but as there is currently a reuse scheme charity shop within the community (with intentions to open an additional shop) the Council and Shanks felt that it would be competing against the charity. RM advised he had previously received a £500 grant from Friends of Queens Park for South Kirkby Cricket Club and commented that it would be nice to have a reuse shop locally. JG advised that the Council, Shanks and Friends of Queens park have rolled out the initiative again to allow a further three donations to be given to local groups within the immediate locality of the HWRCs. JG also asked for recommendations of local groups for next year's donations.

A: JG to advise the location of the additional reuse shop.

A: JG to advise at the next meeting the local groups that have received a donation from Friends of Queens Park.

TA asked if the Bring Site facility at White Apron Street car park is being well used. JG was unsure but advised that information could be made available for the next meeting. A slight decrease of waste throughout the Bring Sites has been seen which was expected and has been linked to changes in the Council kerb side collections. SH advised that electrical waste containers have been introduced at two of the bring sites.

A: JG to provide information regarding the usage of the Bring Site at White Apron Street car park.

Brief discussions took place regarding the reduction of recycling nationally due to a number of reasons such as charges applied by other local authorities for green waste disposal and manufacturers making changes to plastic packaging. There is also a national reduction of paper and cardboard recycling due to the culture changes and increased use of electronic publications.

JG noted that it was not the intention of Wakefield Council to introduce charges for green waste collections. WB commented that residents of the new development at Buttery Court in South Kirkby have been unable to obtain grass bins and have been advised that they will be without until next year. They have been advised to use the household bins for their garden waste. JG suggested that some changes to the garden waste collections are planned round but suggested that it could be due to the properties being newly built and may need to wait until the next round of allocations.

A: JG to look into the allocation of garden waste bins for Buttery Court, South Kirkby.

5. Operational Performance Update – Colin Fletcher, Contract Director, Shanks.

CF commented on the following:

- The recycling performance at the HWRCs reached an average of 63% last year.
- Household Recycling Target was missed by 0.08% last year but tracking against 56-58%
- Reuse is ongoing across the project.
- Shanks is looking into a planning application to enable an acoustic fence to be installed at Glasshoughton HWRC to reduce the noise levels.
- Odour complaints at Denby Dale Road have reduced
- The MDR facility (mixed dry recycling) at South Kirkby is performing well with an average of 80% availability and performance acceptance tests have now been passed. Recent finds include wallets and passports which were all returned to the owners.
- The IVC facility (composting) is performing well with the performance acceptance test passed. A decrease of odour from the facility has been seen due to modifications made and further plans in place.
- The RWTF facility is currently carrying out the performance acceptance tests which are going well.
- The engines are now online generating our own electricity between 800 and 900 kw hours, approximately 15,000 kw hours each day.

EB asked for an update regarding the sale of compost. CF commented that the composting standard test (PAS100) needed to be achieved, tests have commenced and design has commenced for the packaging to sell the product at a nominal cost. Shanks has a contractual requirement to produce 200 tonnes of compost each year. MC asked if the cost to the public will be to cover the costs of the packaging or if any profit will be made. CF advised that prices have not been determined but it was not the intention to be a profit making initiative. Care has to be taken to ensure there is no competition with other local businesses.

6. Environment Agency

In the absence of Claire Mitchell, an update was received prior to the meeting as follows:

“A meeting took place between Shanks, Wakefield Council and the Environment Agency in May to discuss odour sources and abatement on site. A technical specialist from the EA’s National Odour team was present. Actions were identified and Shanks is making good progress with these.

From the 1st June to 13th September, 25 odour reports have been made to the Environment Agency’s incident line. The majority of these were in June and July. Some reports were attributed to land spreading taking place in the area. No complaints have been received since 26th August. Reporters that requested feedback were given this.

A site inspection has been planned for w/c 25th September”

EB commented that it had been some time that a representative had attended the meeting
(Post meeting note: A representative from the Environment Agency last attended a meeting in September 2016, apologies were received for the meetings in June and September 2017)

JG suggested that the Environment Agency were no longer supporting evening meetings unless there was a specific issues.

The local community requested attendance at the next meeting.

7. Odour Review – Colin Fletcher

CF advised that there has been three distinct odour related issues over the summer:

- A blockage was found in odour system D which services the anaerobic digestion plant, modifications have been made and no further problems have been seen.
- Modifications have been made to the IVC fans which caused compost odours, these have been switched from automatic to a manual setting to give better control.
- Odour units A and B within the Residual Waste facility were found to have issues with the inline carbon filters which caused the distinct waste odour. Checks were made to the filters which found the carbon was spent. The filters have an expected four year life span but have had to be changed after only two years. Monitoring was being carried out bi-annually but have had to be now been increased to quarterly.

CF gave his apologies for the issues over the summer and appreciated it had an impact on the community, he explained that this was a new site and more waste was coming into the site than originally anticipated. MC asked if lessons had been learnt from recent issues to which CF commented that all recent problems had now been rectified but there is the potential for more problems going forward.

ES noted she appreciated the time CF took to visit her at her property and was able to give re-assurance that everything that could be done, was being done to rectify the odour. She also commented that she had not detected any major odours since July.

Brief discussions took place regarding the odour monitoring Shanks carry out on a daily basis, and the different aspects that are taken into account, such as wind speed.

GH advised that operations are being closely monitored by the Council in an attempt to understand the issues and ensure that the same issues do not arise next year.

8. Any Other Business

AOB 1: ES Hanging baskets

ES passed on her thanks to Shanks on behalf of South Kirkby Council for providing ten hanging baskets.