

South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date: Monday 10 September 2018
Chair: Colin Fletcher, Renewi and Jack Hemmingway, Wakefield Council
Time: 6.00pm
Minutes: Suzanne Daykin, Administrator, Renewi
Location: South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

Attendees

Tom Allsopp (TA)	Town Councillor, South Kirkby & Moorthorpe Town Council
Eric Burkes (EB)	Local Resident
Chris Corns (CC)	Local Resident
Suzanne Daykin (SD)	Administrator, Renewi
Colin Fletcher (CF)	Contract Director, Renewi
Julie Greenwood (JG)	Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council
Jack Hemmingway (JH)	District Councillor, Stanley and Outwood East, Ward 15
Lynne Whitehouse	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14
Claire Mitchell (CM)	Environment Agency
Peter Oxley (PO)	Senior Operations Manager, Renewi
David Stevens (DS)	Local Resident
Jade Wilkes (JW)	Education Officer, Renewi

Apologies

Cllr Michelle Collins (MC)	District Councillor, South Kirkby and South Elmsall
Glynn Humphries (GH)	Service Director (Cleaner and Greener), Wakefield Council
Sally Hurn (SH)	Project Manager, Renewi
Cllr Ena Sykes (ES)	Independent Councillor, South Kirkby and Local Resident
Steve Tulley (ST)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby - Ward 14

Unconfirmed Attendees

Cate Keller, Local Resident

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions – Colin Fletcher, Chair Person

JH had made contact to advise he would be late to the meeting, therefore CF confirmed he would chair until JH arrived

Introductions were made for the benefit of the new group members.

2. Apologies – Chairperson

Apologies were received from those as listed above.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 4 June 2018

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

DS commented that the minutes from the previous meeting stated that no odour complaints had been received by the Environment Agency, which was not true as he had recently raised three complaints. CM confirmed that the statement related to complaints received between January to June 2018.

Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed as follows:

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

No comment made for this action. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

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

No comment made for this action. Update to be provided at the next meeting.

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

JG provided the following overview of the Project advising:

- It was reported in the previous meeting that it was expected Renewi would achieve the 52% recycling target. She confirmed that Renewi achieved 52.11% but there is still room for improvement as performance was lower than expected due to seasonality and low levels of green waste. Meetings will be held over the next few months between Renewi and Wakefield Council to look at increasing performance.
- Currently only 8% of waste is being diverted to landfill compared to 69% in 2015.
- HWRCs are performing well with over half a million visitors attending the three facilities over the last year.
- Communication campaigns are in place to encourage segregation of waste at home which will have an impact of the amount of waste going into the household waste containers.
- New Renewi permits for the HWRC are being rolled out, it is expected that this will help reduce the number of residents from outside of the Wakefield district using the facilities. EB asked if this had been communicated to the local community. JG commented the old style permits will be removed from customers and new ones will be given upon proof Wakefield district residency. The old style permits will be valid until the end of October and customers are being encouraged to apply for new permits online or through the Council's Contact Centre.
- Wakefield Council continue to monitor Renewi's performance and Defra had recently visited site at South Kirkby.

JH joined the meeting and took over chairing the meeting.

5. Operational Performance Update

Education Service – Jade Wilkes, Education Officer, Renewi

JW commented on the following:

- The recruitment of two Education and Recycling Advisors has taken place to target communications throughout the district, to reduce contamination and increase recycling.
- 28 education events have taken place over the last three months, 11 school events and 17 community events. These events include the engagement of five new schools and community groups, and approximately 79% of events being repeat customers.

- The main focus is currently Recycle week which is to take place week commencing 24 September. The education team will be out in the community with the education vehicle sharing key messages.
- An outdoor area, including the pond dipping platform is being developed along with an outdoor classroom.
- Sculpture competition – local children have been asked to design a sculpture from scrap materials and an artist has been commissioned to produce the winning sculpture which will be displayed at the South Kirkby site.

Operational update – Colin Fletcher, Contract Director, Renewi.

CF commented on the following:

- HWRCs and Transfer Stations are operating well. Current recycling figures are as follows:
 - Denby Dale Road HWRC – 65.9%
 - Glasshoughton HWRC – 65.7%
 - South Kirkby HWRC – 66.1%

The HWRC re-use scheme in partnership with Friends of Queens Park is proving popular, some good news stories from the community include the refurbishment of a flat for a local resident and the donation of bicycles to enable customers to gain employment.

- The Mixed Dry Recycling facility is performing well, an impact has been seen recently due to changes in the global market and restrictions from China. Continual reviews are being carried out and changes made where required.
- The recent warm weather has impacted on the performance of the IVC facility. Testing is in progress for the PAS100 specification which is required to distribute compost, and it is hoped that distribution will commence next year.
- South Kirkby Residual Waste Treatment Facility:
 - residual waste delivered into the facility is treated on a first in, first out principal to reduce stock and odours.
 - A temporary seal to one of the doors is in place and is awaiting repair.
 - Refuse derived fuel (RDF) for Ferrybridge Multifuel facility is going well and organic processing is stable.
 - The autoclave facility is currently in shut down due to statutory regulation tests being carried out.

EB asked when the plant started processing. CF confirmed the plant was fully operation in January 2016, delays were mainly due to issues with sub-contractors entering into administration.

TA commented that he was led to believe the doors were of a good quality. CF advised that there are ongoing issues with the supplier and that the current issue is due to an incident which occurred on site, not relating to the quality of the door. CF further commented that if any of the doors are open for any

length of time, a Schedule 5 report is submitted to the Environment Agency and additional odour monitoring is put in place.

6. Environment Agency

CM advised the Environment Agency had received 25 odour complaints during 2018. Additional odour assessments had been carried out by the Environment Agency and it is encouraged that residents contact the Environment Agency at the time of odour detection to enable an officer to carry out investigations straight away. DS commented that he had raised three complaints recently to the Environment Agency but had not received any response from them. CM advised to put a note on requesting feedback, an officer would then contact them with a response.

CC commented that changes with the weather could affect the odour. LW also commented she had detected a strange odour which could not be described but was not constant.

7. Odour Review – Colin Fletcher

CF commented there are a few types of odour throughout the facility and over the summer period a different type of odour had been detected. Following extensive tests and reviews, which were approved by the Environment Agency, it was found that the carbon in odour system A and B had failed and there are plans to change it. He further explained the carbon was replaced last year and should last for approximately three years.

CC asked if communications to residents could be improved and suggested that residents may feel better knowing that tests are being carried out. CF noted a weekly email is sent out advising of any work that is to be carried out that could cause potential odour issues.

CF also commented that alternative processes may be looked into and monthly carbon monitoring is now being carried out. CC asked if advice could be sought from elsewhere, CF confirmed that there are no other facilities within Renewi that operate carbon systems.

CF further commented that when an odour is detected, to report it to the Environment Agency in the first instance, there is also an odour helpline which comes directly to Renewi. When a report is received, additional monitoring will be conducted.

JG noted that any complaints she receives directly are also passed to CF and PO for investigating and the three reporting channels are, the Environment Agency, the odour helpline and the Council's Contact Centre.

LW commented that although not odour related, there are concerns relating to the Bring Site on Grove Drive. The containers had recently been relocated due to safety reasons but recently had become a play area where children were playing on the containers and had been subject to fly tipping. CF confirmed that Renewi is aware of the situation and changes are in progress.

(Post meeting note: The Bring Site at Grove Drive was removed on 13 September 2018 due to vandalism and fly tipping. Details of alternative Bring Sites can be found on the website).

8. Any Other Business

No comments were made under this section.