

South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date: Monday 9 September 2019
Chair: Martyn Ward, Deputy Portfolio Holder, Communities and Environment
Time: 6.00pm
Minutes: Suzanne Daykin, Senior Administrator, Renewi
Location: South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

Attendees

Suzanne Daykin (SD)	Senior Administrator, Renewi
Ian Foster (IF)	Environment Agency
Julie Greenwood (JG)	Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council
David Heseltine (DH)	Contract Director, Renewi
Sally Hurn (SH)	Performance Framework Manager, Renewi
Moirra Mattingley-Nunn (MMN)	Education Manager, Renewi
Danny Tadd (DT)	Interim Operations Manager, Renewi
Martyn Ward (MW)	Deputy Portfolio Holder, Communities and Environment
Lynne Whitehouse (LW)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

Apologies

Eric Burkes (EB)	Local Resident
Chris Corns (CC)	Local Resident
Cllr Maureen Cummings	Portfolio Holder, Communities and Environment
Glynn Humphries (GH)	Service Director (Cleaner and Greener), Wakefield Council
Reg Mills (RM)	Local Resident
Claire Mitchell (CM)	Environment Agency
David Stevens (DS)	Local Resident

Unconfirmed Attendees

Cllr Michelle Collins (MC)	District Councillor, South Kirkby and South Elmsall
Cate Keller	Local Resident
Steve Tulley (ST)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions – Martyn Ward, Chair Person

MW welcomed the group members and introductions were carried out.

2. Apologies – Chairperson

Apologies were received from those as listed above.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 24 June 2019.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record,

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

JG provided the following overview of the Project advising:

- Renewi had not achieved the contractual target of 52% recycling and a financial penalty had been levied by the Council. Renewi is on putting plans in place to increase their recycling rate from this year's figure of just over 48%.
- HWRCs continue to perform well and between the period of April to August 2019 saw in excess of 24,000 visitors to the facilities. There are potential changes planned to the layout at Glasshoughton and Denby Dale Road HWRCs and Renewi may need to take advice from the Environment Agency.
- Renewi's replacement Education Manager joined the team in September and from April to mid-July the Education Team has delivered 44 education events.
- Discussions continue with the Council's trade unions regarding Christmas collections. The Council and Renewi are working together to maximize recycling during the festive period.

5. Operational Performance Update and Education Service

Operational update – David Heseltine, Contract Director, Renewi.

DH commented advised that a back to basic review of the plant had taken place where waste streams were measured and extensive analysis was carried out. He further commented on the following:

- MDR MRF – there has been an improvement in the recycling rate by approximately 1.5% following changes to the plant and processes.
- IVC – Currently operating in line with preparations to undertake an upcoming trial. Green waste arisings have significantly exceeded last years.
- RWTF – A number of improvement areas have been identified to enable Renewi to increase recycling performance. A number of planned modifications to plant are required and monitoring will continue over the coming months.
- A major area of concern is where seven bags of clinical waste (in black bin bags) had entered the facility, potentially causing a needle stick injury to one of the sort line operatives. Renewi and the Council carried out increased communications on social media following this incident but there is no way of tracking where the waste brought in from to be able to carry out a more targeted education programme.
- The HWRCs continue to perform well. Landfill skips are being monitored to increase recycling and additional changes are planned to decrease the amount of waste being sent to landfill.
- The Autoclave is currently out service due to a part failure, further assessments are to be carried out.
- PAS100 update – Expectations are that compost will be distributed in plain bags from the HWRCs over the next few weeks. Details will be circulated on social media when the compost becomes available.

Education Service – Moira Mattingley-Nunn, Education Manager, Renewi

MMN commented on the following, based on the period of July to August 2019:

- 32 events were delivered during the period, most of which were community events.
- Seven new groups have been engaged.
- Seven upcoming events are planned to take place during September 2019 and are focused around Recycling Week.
- The re-design of the Education vehicle is expected to be completed in time for Recycling Week commencing 23 September 2019.
- The real nappy campaign continues to be successful and 82 requests have been received during the last quarter.
- 360-degree videos at the HWRCs are expected to be completed over the next few weeks.
- Tomorrow's Engineer will be hosted in November 2019, an event to encourage Wakefield secondary and college students to consider careers in engineering. A sculpture competition will be promoted during the event and the winner's sculpture idea will be recreated by a Sculptor and located at South Kirkby on a permanent basis.
- A venue has been sourced to hold a fashion show which will take place in May 2020 where secondary schools will make an outfit from reused and recycled materials.

LW commented that local primary schools were not attending the Education Centre and suggested it would be beneficial for them to attend. Brief discussions took place regarding the outreach programme run by the Education team and that the Education Centre is open, albeit, unstaffed on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. MMN advised she will be contacting local schools to introduce herself and to outline the Education service. JG also commented that she will speak to local Councillors to try and influence local schools to visit the Education Centre.

A: MMN to contact local primary schools to introduce herself as the Education Manager for Renewi and to provide an outline of the Education services that can be provided.

A: JG to liaise with local Councillors to try and influence local schools to visit the Education Centre.

6. Environment Agency – Ian Foster, Environment Agency

7. Odour Review – David Heseltine, Contract Director, Renewi

IF advised the following relating to the period of June to August:

- Ten odour complaints
- One Schedule 5 report raised due to a door failure. DH confirmed this was planned to be repaired on 10 September 2019

DH advised that improvements to the odour system had been seen over the recent weeks following modifications to the system and an increased PPM regime has been implemented.

8. Any Other Business

AOB 1: JG

Battery Recycling Initiative

JG advised that Renewi and the Council have rolled out a joint initiative for battery recycling. 44 boxes have been placed within Council premises throughout the district and it is hoped this will reduce the number of batteries disposed of in kerbside waste.

AOB 2: JG

WEEE Recycling

JG advised the Council is looking into possible funding for collecting WEEE equipment from local schools. This will help Renewi reducing the need to handle the electrical items. Brief discussions took place regarding the possibility of holding a WEEE amnesty programme as hoarding electrical items is distorting the national figures. SH commented a similar campaign was run in schools a few years ago.

AOB 3: LW

HWRC Staff

LW commented the staff at the South Kirkby HWRC are always very helpful.

AOB 4: LW

Traffic Issues

LW advised that large wagons looking for the South Kirkby Facilities have been seen on Northfield Estate which is causing issues with the large wagons. SH commented that some make/models of sat navs do not bring you to the correct location. Discussions took place regarding a contractual requirement for Renewi and Contractors to follow preferred routes and it was requested that if any more vehicles were seen, to take the registration details and pass to Renewi for an investigation to be carried out.

No further comments were made under this section.