

South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date: Monday 10 February 2020
Chair: Michelle Collins, Deputy Portfolio Holder - Environment, Communities and Poverty
Time: 6.00pm
Minutes: Suzanne Daykin, Senior Administrator, Renewi
Location: South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

Attendees

Nicky Allen (NA)	Customer Services Quality Manager
Eric Burkes (EB)	Local Resident
Michelle Collins (MC)	Deputy Portfolio Holder - Environment, Communities and Poverty
Suzanne Daykin (SD)	Senior Administrator, Renewi
Julie Greenwood (JG)	Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council
David Heseltine (DH)	Contract Director, Renewi
Moira Mattingley-Nunn (MMN)	Education Manager, Renewi
Claire Mitchell (CM)	Environment Agency
Jon Singleton (JS)	Senior Operations Manager, Renewi

Apologies

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
David Stevens (DS)	Local Resident
Steve Tulley (ST)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

Unconfirmed Attendees

Lynne Whitehouse (LW)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14
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Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions – Michelle Collins, Chair Person

JG welcomed MC to 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 9 September 2019.

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

MMN confirmed the following action from the previous meeting had been completed:

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.

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

JG provided the following overview of the Project advising:

- Performance remained consistently good. Over the Christmas period a significant increase in footfall at the HWRCs was seen. Over a two-week period from 27 December 2019 to 8 January 2020 a total of 46,000 visitors attended the three HWRCs compared to 40,500 over the Christmas 2018 period and 26,500 over the Christmas 2017 period. The following shows the breakdown of 2019 footfall at the HWRCs:
 - 8,500 at South Kirkby HWRC
 - 18,500 at Denby Dale Road HWRC, and;
 - 18,500 at Glasshoughton HWRC.
- Work on the HWRCs is being carried out to encourage members of the public to segregate waste at home and tables were available at the HWRCs to segregate further if required.
- Recycling tonnage data is still being collated from the Christmas period but anecdotally more recycling has been collected this year which is a great achievement. A debrief meeting will be held towards the end of February.
- The Council have entered into discussions with the Trade Union regarding the change to the May Bank Holiday, moving from 4 May to 8 May 2020 to celebrate VE day. A decision is still required to understand the Council's collections on Friday 8 May 2020.
- The Council distributed all households within the Wakefield district have a collection calendar along with a new sticker to raise awareness of what items can/cannot be placed in the recycling bins.

5. Operational Performance Update and Education Service

Operational update – David Heseltine, Contract Director, Renewi.

DH commented that a back to basic review of the plant is taking place across the whole operations of the site. He further commented on the following:

- MDR MRF – continues to operate well.
- A number of triad warnings have been received since November which impact the performance of each facility of approximately two to three hours for each warning. EB asked for an explanation of the triad warnings. DH advised that in order for the National Grid to manage electricity demand between November and March, triad warnings are received to large consumers to reduce consumption. Renewi could incur large costs should this not be managed properly.
- Renewi have an annual recycling target of 52% which was not achieved last year. Plans have been issued Renewi's funders which show YTD at the end of December 2019 at 52.01% and are currently at 52.1% which is slightly above plan.
- Green waste is key for performance and could affect figures by 0.8%
- IVC Facility – a trial is being carried out to look at different ways to process residual waste which is coming to an end, the outcome of the trial will be known within the next few weeks. The IVC facility will be cleaned ready for the green waste season starting at the beginning of March.
- Contamination – One of the main concerns relates to the amount of hypodermic needles coming in with the waste. The Education team are looking at how social media campaigns can be put in place in an effort to reduce contamination.
- A recent incident occurred in the MDR MRF which resulted in a baler explosion. After investigations took place it was thought this was due to a gas canister in the waste. Dramatic footage is available and may be used on social media to highlight the importance of items being put in the correct bin. The plant was back in operations on the same day.
- HWRCs – continue to operate well and performance was better than last year, improvements can still be made.
- Autoclave Facility – the plant is currently out of operation following a concern regarding a door on the vessel and Renewi are striving to bring the facility back into operations following the annual service.
- A large amount of PAS100 material was lost during a recent fire in the facility but Renewi now have 50 tonnes bagged and ready for distribution in April. Changes to processes and procedures have been

- made to reduce risks in the facility for the future. MMN and MC both commented they have received enquiries from members of the public. JG advised that a final decision has yet to be agreed relating to the distribution of the PAS100 material. An advertisement will be in the March's edition of the Citizen publication and details will be put on social media.

DH advised there are challenges ahead but he is encouraged about the future and has help from the Central team.

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

MMN commented on the following, based on the period of October 2019 and January 2020:

- 50 events were delivered during the period (22 school events and 28 community events).
- Five new groups have been engaged.
- Nine upcoming public events are planned to take place until the end of June 2020.
- Real Nappy Campaign – The Real Nappies Campaign continues to grow in popularity with 95 requests over the quarter. Feedback that new parents need advice on how to use the nappies has been acted on and well received.
- Sculpture Competition - This competition is open to all secondary education providers in the Wakefield District. The winner will have their design commissioned and created by a sculptor and the final piece will be installed outside our education centre to inspire the public to consider the 3 R's.
- Fashion Show – May 2020 – the event is being hosted with Wakefield Secondary Schools to encourage students to make clothes from reused materials. The catwalk event will take place in May 2020.
- Let's Sort it Out Roadshow - The education team went out on the road, attending Christmas light switch ons around the district in December, providing information and answering questions on waste management and recycling in Wakefield. We will be attending a range of large-scale events such as the Rhubarb Festival and Armed Forces Day over the coming few months.
- In October, a Halloween themed Community Open Day at our education centre. We had reuse crafts and eco slime making which was very popular and very messy! We also had Halloween themed games and refreshments.
- Wakefield Engineers of Tomorrow - The Wakefield's Engineers of Tomorrow event took place on 21 November at Cedar Court. The event was very successful with over 330 secondary school students from around the district attending the event which had representatives from big businesses such as Yorkshire Water, Polypipe, Haribo and Dennis Eagle, alongside education and training providers The University of Sheffield and The Leeds Teaching Hospitals.

6. Environment Agency – Claire Mitchell, Environment Agency

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

CM advised the following relating to the period of September 2019 to January 2020:

- 11 odour complaints although some of these related to planned work
- An unannounced visit took place at South Kirkby during January 2020, no odours were detected at the time. The EA will continue to carry out unannounced inspections within the community.
- Renewi's Odour Management Plan is currently under review with the EA, a meeting is planned to take place in March to discuss further. The EA are carrying out a national review of all permits within the waste treatment sector to ensure all sites in the UK are fully compliant and best available techniques are to be implemented by August 2022. The following is a link to the European Union site where the Best Available Techniques conclusions for waste treatment document can be downloaded - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_.2018.208.01.0038.01.ENG&toc=OJ%3AL%3A2018%3A208%3ATOC. This GOV.UK link also has some useful info about Best Available Techniques - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/best-available-techniques-environmental-permits>

Both EB and MC commented that no complaints have been received from members of the public. DH advised that Renewi take odours complaints seriously, measures have been put in place and PPMs have been reviewed. Control measures have been put in place and if required, the operations will be stopped if required.

8. Any Other Business

No further comments were made under this section.