

South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date: Monday 28 September 2020
Chair: Glynn Humphries, Corporate Director (Communities, Environment and Climate Change), Wakefield Council
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
Suzanne Daykin (SD)	Senior Administrator, Renewi
Julie Greenwood (JG)	Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council
David Heseltine (DH)	Contract Director, Renewi
Glynn Humphries (GH)	Corporate Director (Communities, Environment and Climate Change), Wakefield Council
Claire Mitchell (CM)	Environment Agency
Jon Singleton (JS)	Senior Operations Manager, Renewi

Apologies

Michelle Collins (MC)	Deputy Portfolio Holder - Environment, Communities and Poverty
Chris Corns (CC)	Local Resident
Cllr Maureen Cummings	Portfolio Holder, Communities and Environment
Moirra Mattingley-Nunn (MMN)	Education Manager, Renewi
Steve Tulley (ST)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

Unconfirmed Attendees

Eric Burkes (EB)	Local Resident
Reg Mills (RM)	Local Resident
Lynne Whitehouse (LW)	District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

Minutes

<p>1. Welcome and Introductions – Glynn Humphries, Chairperson</p> <p>GH welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were carried out.</p>
<p>2. Apologies – Chairperson</p> <p>Apologies were received from those as listed above.</p>
<p>3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 10 February 2020</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.</p>
<p>4. Service Delivery / Performance Update – Julie Greenwood, Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council</p> <p>JG commented that during the period since the last meeting there had been some disruption to the service due to COVID-19. Following the Government national lockdown on 24 March 2020, all HWRCs</p>

were closed and garden waste and bulky collections were suspended to prioritise kerbside recycling and waste collections.

The HWRCs reopened on 9 May 2020 following Government pressure to allow the public to dispose of their excess waste. During July and August 2020 operations moved into normal service but with numbers on sites managed to maintain social distancing to protect staff and members of the public.

Garden waste collections resumed on 9 June which saw a significant amount of material brought into the facility.

The Council worked closely with Renewi during the COVID period and Renewi continued to deliver the service and refuse collections were not impacted during the period.

GH acknowledged that credit was given to everyone involved to enable the service to continue during these difficult operating circumstances.

5. Operational Performance Update and Education Service

Operational update – David Heseltine, Contract Director, Renewi.

DH advised the period had been challenging but by working together, Renewi and the Council maintained a good level of service, albeit, there are now concerns that a second wave could see operations in a worse condition moving toward wintertime. GH agreed with this as a higher percentage of the workforce are isolating compared to March/April. DH confirmed that contingency plans are currently being worked on with Renewi's Senior Operations Manager.

Household Waste Recycling Rate

The annual Household Waste Recycling Target of 52% was impacted by the reduction of green waste in March, Renewi achieved 51.83%. The 2020/2021 forecast is currently at 52.09% based on currently trend up to the end of August.

Fire issues

In the period since the last meeting in February, there were two significant fires in the MDR MRF. Both of which saw operations back to normal within three days. Modifications to the plant have been made with IIIR cameras and additional heat sensors installed.

MDR MRF

The facility continues to operate well with a 5% improvement and reject levels remain acceptable.

Residual Facility

The pre-sort facility continues to perform well. During the second period of the year Ferrybridge Multifuel Facility had an outage which gave concerns in relation to RDF and stock. Stock levels are currently at 1,500 tonnes in the Reception Hall.

IVC facility

The levels of delivered green waste are currently the same as last year and issues regarding elevated ammonia levels have now been rectified. Work is planned in the facility during the winter months to inspect and upgrade equipment.

Distribution of 50 tonnes of soil improver from the HWRCs will soon commence. This year's PAS100 samples (0-25mm) have passed all the required tests and plans are being developed to enable a suitable distribution of the soil improver from this year's material in 2021.

DH advised that operational levels were up to 30% above normal levels for the MDR MRF and the residual facility. Improvements had been made over the last few months which will set Renewi in good stead for any future challenges.

Education Service – Nicola Allen, Renewi

In the absence of MMN, NA provided the following information, based on the period of March to September 2020:

- Due to COVID only 4 educational events had been delivered
- A series of campaigns are to be relaunched:
 - Real Nappy
 - Sculpture competition – the sculpture made from reused scrap metal has been installed outside the Education Centre
 - Short videos of each facility have been finalised – these are to show members of the public what happens to their waste at each stage of the sorting process and have been published on social media
 - HWRC videos have been filmed and are currently in the process of being edited. They will be released on social media and the website to show the public the layout of the site and encourage them to segregate waste at home prior to attending the facilities
 - Facebook page continues to grow in both numbers and engagement

GH commented it had been challenging for schools and it is expected there will only be a small number of schools that will re-engage in the Education service this year due to pressures faced.

6. Environment Agency – Claire Mitchell, Environment Agency

CM advised the following relating to the period of February to September 2020:

- Ten odour complaints had been received, eight of which were substantiated
- A site inspection was carried out in September which focused on monitoring data, cleaning regimes and water management.
- Renewi submitted a revised Odour Management Plan which will be reviewed by the EA National Odour team.

CM further commented that odour reports are not being made directly to the Environment Agency and urges members of the public and local business to report any concerns to the EA as soon as possible to allow investigations to take place. JG commented that the Council and Renewi have promoted the number in the past.

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

DH advised that high levels of ammonia had been the main reason for recent odour issues. It takes six weeks to purge material through the IVC facility and Renewi is looking at the process with help from the Central Engineering team. Modifications may be made during the winter period.

Odour control unit D has now been running for one year with no carbon and an internal report has been produced.

JG asked if hydrogen sulphide levels had been resolved in the digesters and SBT (suspension buffer tank). DH advised that modifications to the top ring had been made which found a more dynamic flow and the levels had now changed. Work around the refurbishment on the equipment and air dosing equipment is in place to reduce the ferric chloride usage giving a better process and more control.

JG asked if there is any risk to odour regarding the plans to empty D3, if so, it would be beneficial to advise local elected members and neighbours to make them aware. DH advised there is always a risk and a review with LW will take place to minimise where possible. DH to discuss internally and look at having a social media campaign. Local group to be advised.

8. Any Other Business

No further comments were made under this section.