South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

**Date:** Monday 13 December 2021

**Chair**: Elaine Blezard, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Green Spaces

**Time:** 13:00pm

**Minutes:** Suzanne Daykin, Senior Administrator, Renewi

**Location:** South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

Attendees

Nicky Allen (NA) Customer Services Quality Manager, Renewi

Elaine Blezard (EB) Deputy Portfolio Holder, Wakefield Council (via Teams)

Suzanne Daykin (SD) Senior Administrator, Renewi

Julie Greenwood (JG) Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council (via Teams)

Sally Hurn Performance Framework Manager, Renewi (via Teams)

Moira Mattingley-Nunn (MMN) Education Manager, Renewi (via Teams)

Claire Mitchell (CM) Environment Agency (via Teams)

Jonathan Singleton (JS) Senior Operations Manager, Renewi

Apologies

Jake Hammond Interim RWTF Manager, Renewi

Gary Blenkinsop Service Director for Environment, Street Scene & Climate Change

David Heseltine Contract Director, Renewi

Glyn Humphries Service Director for Environment & Property Regeneration & Economic Growth

Michelle Collins Deputy Portfolio Holder - Environment, Communities and Poverty

Robert Oakley Local Resident

Unconfirmed Attendees

Reg Mills Local Resident

Steve Tulley District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 1

Lynne Whitehouse District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

Eric Burkes Local Resident

Minutes

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| 1. **Welcome and Introductions – Elaine Blezard, Chairperson**   EB welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were carried out. |
| **2. Apologies – Chairperson**  Apologies were received from those as listed above. |
| **3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 6 September 2021**  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 advised the following:   * The Council’s Garden Waste collections were extended for a two week period, meaning all households received one additional collection. This generated approximately 450 tonnes of garden waste which will help to contribute to Renewi’s contractual performance. * The Council’s Strategic Waste Policy Team continue to monitor all of the facilities to ensure delivery of the service from Renewi is maintained. * All three HWRCs are operating normally and a currently experiencing quiet periods of time. Renewi is looking at the possible explanations as to why the HWRCs are so quiet. One suggestion is due to the increased level of permit checks and the high level of vehicles that are being turned away due to living out of the Wakefield district or do not have the correct permit. * Maintenance work is being carried out in advance where possible to reduce the impact over the Christmas period and Renewi is working to reduce stock levels. |
| **5. Operational Performance Update and Education Service**  **Operational update – Jonathan Singleton, Senior Operations Manager, Renewi**  JS advised the following:   * The facilities have remained in operation since the previous meeting. * The main change since the previous meeting is that Renewi has reimplemented COVID restrictions following the recent government announcement. This includes wearing face coverings, limiting face to face meetings and to work from home if possible, to reduce transmission rates. * The HWRCs are currently unaffected. * Renewi is currently forecasting a year-to-date household recycling rate of 53.08% which will allow the Council to hit their target of 50%. Main issue since last meeting is outsourcing of organic fines (sub 60 mm material) due to lack of downstream buffer capacity (SBT tank), the team is working on resolving this issue. * There has been 16 fires year to date at South Kirkby. The main cause being lithium ion batteries. Investigations found that the baler explosions in MDR in July 2021 was mainly due to the incorrect disposal of a gas canister. Work is ongoing with Renewi’s Education Team and Council to reduce contaminants in waste streams. * MBR replacement will take place towards the end of January 2022. This will be at the same time as recommissioning of Digester 3. Benefits by combining projects with water re-use and residual waste processing maximised. * The IVC facility season is now closed after the Council’s two-week collection extension. An additional 313 tonnes were received during the two-week period. The off season is utilised for essential maintenance activities, which are scheduled to commence in February 2022. This includes shredder hardfacing, trommel servicing, tunnel servicing, jointing, light checks and cleaning activities.   EB requested an update from the previous meeting where a local resident had complained about the noise from the South Kirkby site during the night. EB asked if any further information could be provided. JS advised that vehicle movements generally cease at 22:00. The resident was asked to keep a log of any noise activity and send to Renewi for investigation which has not been supplied.  **Education Service – Moira Mattingley-Nunn, Education Manager, Renewi**  MMN shared a presentation detailing the Education Service for the period of September to November 2021:   * Education events resumed following the lifting of COVID restrictions and 93 community events and 29 school events took place during the period. Renewi achieved the contractual target of 75 events. * The Halloween event that was held in the Education Centre was very successful and positive feedback has been received from most attendees. * The Education Team held a family night at the HWRCs to allow children out of the vehicles to see what happened on sites. Around ten children attended with their families, it is anticipated that similar events will take place at Denby Dale Road and Glasshoughton HWRCs in summer 2022. * Filming for the Christmas campaign video has taken place across all sites. The video is to say thank you to Wakefield residents for their recycling efforts during the year and it will be posted across all social media platforms over the Christmas period.   JG reminded MMN that information has been requested to include in a Council report. She asked if pictures could be provided from the Halloween and Christmas events.  **A: MMN to provide information and pictures to JG as requested to include in a Council report.** |
| **6. Environment Agency – Claire Mitchell, Environment Agency**  CM advised the following:   * Three odour complaints have been received since the previous meeting. Two of these were from the new development across from the South Kirkby RWTF and one from in the South Kirkby town. CM advised she had carried out an odour assessment at the new development site at the time of the complaint. * 29 complaints have been received during 2021. * A review of the permit is in place including improvement conditions |
| **7. Odour Review – Jonathan Singleton, Senior Operations Manager, Renewi**  JS advised the following:   * Three odour reports were received via the Environment Agency * The Odour treatment systems are working well which has seen a reduction of complaints received * Carbon was re-installed in Odour Treatment System D * Generally, all the Odour Treatment System is working well. |
| **8. Any Other Business**  No further comments were made under this section. |
| **9. Date of next meeting**  The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed but is likely to March 2022 at the South Kirkby Waste Treatment Facility, WF9 3TH. Confirmation of the date will be circulated in due course.  There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1:30pm. |