

South Kirkby Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date: Monday 4 September 2023
Chair: Hilary Mitchell – Deputy Portfolio Holder – Climate Change and Environment
Time: 18:00
Minutes: Suzanne Daykin, Senior Administrator, Renewi
Location: South Kirkby Main Site, Brigantian Way, WF9 3TH

Attendees

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| Gary Blenkinsop (GB) | Service Director for Environment, Street Scene & Climate Change (via Teams) |
| Michelle Collins | Deputy Portfolio Holder - Resources |
| Suzanne Daykin (SD) | Senior Administrator, Renewi |
| Anna Grant (AG) | Regulatory Officer, Environment Agency (via Teams) |
| Julie Greenwood (JG) | Strategic Waste Policy Manager, Wakefield Council (via Teams) |
| Sally Hurn (SH) | Contract Manager, Renewi |
| Moirra Mattingley-Nunn (MMN) | Education Manager, Renewi |
| Hilary Mitchell | Deputy Portfolio Holder – Climate Change and Environment (via Teams) |
| Drew Pearson (DP) | Site Operations Manager, Renewi (delegate for DH) |
| Jonathan Singleton (JS) | Senior Operations Manager, Renewi |
| Tim Shaw (TS) | Regulatory Officer, Environment Agency |

Apologies

David Heseltine (DH) Contract Director, Renewi

Unconfirmed Attendees

Reg Mills Local Resident
 Steve Tulley (ST) District Councillor, South Elmsall and South Kirkby, Ward 14

Minutes

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| <p>1. Welcome and Introductions – Hilary Mitchell, Chairperson</p> <p>HM welcomed all to the meeting.</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 20 March 2023</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>Performance Update</p> <p>JG advised the following relating to year end performance figures for 2022/2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household Waste Recycling figure slightly below the annual target of 52%, at 51.25% Household Waste Recycling performance indicator was lower than previous years at 47.52% 29,500 tonnes of Municipal Waste to Landfill |

- 17,200 tonnes of kerbside waste were collected by the Council
- 62,000 tonnes of Garden Waste were collected by the Council
- Renewi's H&S figures:
 - 3,990 safety concerns were raised
 - 7 RIDDOR incidents occurred
 - 24 accidents occurred
 - 22 environment incidents
 - 22 material damage incidents
- 49 complaints were received
- 114 Education Events took place
- 12,727 residential permits issued
- 1,297 commercial vehicle type permits issued
- 0.5 million visits to the HWRCs
- 6.26 mWh electricity consumed
- 6 mWh gas consumed

Service Update:

- Two RCV fires in June and August, both escorted to South Kirkby which was handled by Renewi as per the smouldering load procedure
- During June 2023, a fire occurred in the RWTF causing damage to Odour Treatment System (OTS) C. Renewi is working to reinstate. An unannounced visit by the HSE took place and no breaches were found
- During July 2023 Renewi invoked the Business Continuity Plan for residual waste on a temporary basis due to a power outage on OTS C
- During August 2023 Renewi invoked the Business Continuity Plan due to a sprinkler system activation causing a flood
- During August 2023 an explosion in the MDR MRF baler occurred. This was resolved in a timely manner and no injuries were caused
- Carrwood Road Transfer Station opened late in August
- There were 46,000 visitors to the HWRCs during August

GB asked if the annual performance data is available in a report, JG advised it is included in the Annual Service and Environment Report which is still in a working version.

A: JG to forward a working copy of Renewi's 2022/2023 Annual Service and Environment Report.

5. Operational Performance Update and Technical Update

Operational update – Drew Pearson, Site Operations Manager, Renewi

DP advised the following:

- Fire Incident – Renewi is working with the insurance provider and central colleagues following the major fire in the RWTF, the findings indicate this was due to a catastrophic bearing failure. Renewi worked with the EA to enable normal operations to resume on 20 July 2023. It is expected that OTS C will be back in operations early 2024.
- Issues occurred with the sprinkler system in the RWTF which resulted in flooding. Renewi sought advise from the insurance company to understand the root cause, work is expected to be complete by the end of September 2023.
- A significant explosion occurred in the MDR MRF baling hall which incurred two days downtime.
- A continuous improvement project is taking place to look at recovery from the recent events, as a result of the fire, 4,000 tonnes of material was sent to Landfill.
- Activities are taking place in the MDR MRF to improve performance
- The IVC facility is working well as forecasted
- Cleaning of digester 1 is planned to commence in early 2024 followed by digester 2
- The SBT is now back online following a cleaning programme and issues with H²S

- Minor fires in the MDR MRF continue to be an issue due to batteries being disposed of in the recycling bins. CCTV footage is available for the Council to view and to upload to social media if required.

Discussions regarding campaigns for the correct disposal of batteries are planned over the next few months and further discussions will take place in the Waste Minimisation meetings relating to contamination. Further campaigns may be required to highlight the impact of contamination. GB commented that lithium ION batteries and contamination in bins is a major priority for the Council and Renewi.

7. Environment Agency – Anna Grant, Environment Agency

AG advised the following based on data for period June to August 2023:

- Two odour complaints were received which is a significant improvement.
- The EA agreed operational change to redirect to odour treatment systems B and D
- A site inspection took place at the South Kirkby facility in July.
- An audit is planned in September to carry out a review of the odour management plan

TS advised the main focus has been related to bring odour treatment system C back into operations, initial work is progressing well.

8. Odour Review – Jonathan Singleton, Senior Operations Manager, Renewi

JS advised the following:

- Four odour incidents received via the EA, one of which was substantiated following investigations
- Fire incident on 25 June, operations resumed on 20 July
- Maintained PAS100 compliance, achieving a level four which is the highest and local farmers have been using the soil improver for agricultural use
- Monitor is taking place on odour systems B and D, both of which are performing well

MC commented that she had not received any complaints this summer from local residents and passed her thanks to the Renewi team, JS welcomed this and advised he will pass this on.

GB acknowledged the work and efforts put in by Renewi staff following the two recent challenging major incidents and commented that local residents aren't aware of them.

9. POPs update – Drew Pearson, Site Operations Manager, Renewi

DP advised that adjustments have been made at Denby Dale Road and South Kirkby to receive POPs items. The items are stored, bulked up and then deployed in line with current legislation. JG confirmed operations are working well and segregation is taking place as per requirements. She further commented there is a possibility that other items will be included under POPs and guidance will be updated.

10. HWRC Crime Prevention – Drew Pearson, Site Operations Manager, Renewi

DP advised that all the HWRCs are now managed by NH, CW who managed Glasshoughton and Carwood Road has moved into an interim position within the central SHEQ team. Renewi is working with the Crime Prevention Team in relation to Glasshoughton and Denby Dale Road HWRCs. South Kirkby HWRC remains stable and a new CCTV remote monitoring system which is supported by an external company, is now in place. Any crimes are reported daily to the Police and photographs can be sent.

11. Any Other Business

AOB 1: JG

Soil Improver

JG advised that soil improver is now available at all three HWRCs for the public to take as required.

AOB 2: JG

Denby Dale Road Late Night Opening

JG advised the late night opening at the Denby Dale Road HWRC has changed from Fridays to Tuesdays mainly due to low footfall on Fridays. Since changing the days, footfall has increased

AOB 3: JG

Summer Opening Times

JG advised that summer opening hours at the HWRCs will cease on Sunday 29 October 2023.