

The **WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**  
met at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **25 April 2006**

Present:

**North Warwickshire Borough Council**

Councillor Peter Fowler

Officers

Richard Dobbs

**Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

Councillor Geoff. Ashford

Officers

Peter Benham

**Rugby Borough Council**

Councillor Carolyn Robbins

Officers

Andy D. Smith

**Stratford-on-Avon District Council**

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Officer

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**Warwick District Council**

Councillor Margaret Begg (Vice Chair)

Officer

Jackie Webb

**Warwickshire County Council**

Councillor Ken Browne (Chair)

Councillor Jose Compton

Councillor Eithne Goode

Councillor Ray Sweet

Officers

Roy Burton

Jean Hardwick

Ian Marriott

Katey Stoneman

Martin Stott

Kalen Wood

Also Present:

Fiona Ellwood – Urban Mines Ltd.  
Jenny Sansom – Action 21

**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Martin Heatley (Warwickshire County Council).

**2. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

None.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2006**

**(a) Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 31 January 2006, copies having been circulated, be approved and signed by the Chair.

**(b) Matters Arising**

None

**4. Proposals for Warwickshire Waste Minimisation Strategy.**

The Partnership considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy, which outlined the finding of the study into various options that could be contained within the waste minimisation strategy prepared by consultants, Urban Mines that would support the Warwickshire Municipal Waste Strategy in delivering targets for reducing household waste in the County.

Fiona Ellwood outlined Urban Mines proposals and, in reply to questions said that -

- The capital costs of providing containers (bins and boxes), already expended by councils, had not been taken into account in the study when assessing options for reducing the amount of waste collected (alternate week collections and using sacks for collection). There was no reliable data available on this aspect of the proposals.

- She would circulate to Partnership Members a report on three authorities that had moved to alternate week collections.
- There was no information available on milk being delivered to the doorstep in bottles and its impact on reducing the amount of plastic bottles entering the waste stream. A scheme had operated in Canada but re-usable plastic bottles had been used.
- Some schools had encouraged the drinking of tap water to discourage the use of plastic bottled water.
- Under the WRAP scheme some manufacturers had signed up to reducing packaging of their goods but more Government investment was necessary to extend the scheme.
- The collection of kitchen waste had been trialled but had encountered problems.

The Chair said he hoped that the officers would look at bringing the possibility of providing recycling facilities in new housing developments to the attention of their planning departments, for both individual properties and neighbouring recycling stations. He hoped the County Council might be able to assist the collection authorities in off-setting the capital costs involved in new recycling initiatives.

Resolved that –

- (1) Fiona Ellwood be thanked for her presentation;
- (2) The Officers be asked to prepare a draft Waste Minimisation Strategy based on the proposals made by Urban Mines.

## **5. Door Stepping Campaign**

Katey Stoneman presented the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy, which informed the Partnership of the basic results of a countywide door stepping education programme, that included face-to-face interviews and to gather information about recycling attitudes and participation rates.

Resolved that the draft results be noted and, once the final report is produced, officers fully evaluate the results and prepare an action plan to support the further take up of the recycling services.

## **6. Community Freebay - Presentation by Jenny Samson of Action 21**

Jenny Samson explained the benefits of “communityfreebay.co.uk” , which was funded jointly by the Environment Agency, the County Council, Action 21, Warwick District Council and Coventry City Council, and its success and use to date. Community Freebay provided a free, local exchange website for Warwickshire and Coventry.

The Chair thanked Jenny Samson for her presentation and suggested that she arrange for Community Freebay to be publicised in the

Warwickshire View and linked to the district and county councils' websites. He also asked that a copy of Community Freebay's publicity leaflet be placed in each Members' post box.

## **7. Future Visits/ Conferences**

Resolved that the officers be asked to –

- (1) change the proposed date of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership Conference, which was scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 because that date clashed with a meeting of the County Council.
- (2) Arrange a visit to the High Heaven in-vessel composting site, Buckinghamshire, at a date to be arranged in June.

## **8. The Status of Partnership**

Ian Marriott reminded Members of their discussion at the previous meeting about the status of the Partnership following a request from a member of the public for access to the agenda papers. At that meeting it was agreed that, in a desire to be as open as possible, the minutes of the Partnership meetings should be published on the County Council's website. Following that meeting the same member of the public had asked to attend the Partnership meetings and make a presentation.

Ian Marriot then outlined the options with regard to future meetings of the Partnership, which included the following –

- Constitute meetings as a formal committee meeting.
- Retain the current arrangements whereby issues continued to be discussed in private, with the outcome being reported to each Partner authority's Executive Committee for decision.

During discussion Members expressed support for continuing Partnership meetings in private, which enabled free and open discussion before processing issues through the formal reporting and consultation procedures.

In reply to questions Ian Marriott advised that, under the Freedom of Information Act the public would be allowed access to Partnership papers but where an issue was deemed to be confidential they would not.

Resolved –

- (1) That meetings of the Partnership be continued to be held in private;
- (2) That Partnership minutes and the non-confidential reports be published on the County Council's website after each meeting.

(3) That it be noted that commercially sensitive and confidential issues will be protected under the Freedom of Information.

**9. Update on Discussions with Coventry City Council (Confidential)**

Members received an oral report from Martin Stott.

**10. Any Other Business**

None

**11. Date of Future Meetings**

Resolved that future meetings of the Partnership be held in Shire Hall, Warwick at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates –

Tuesday 25 July 2006  
Tuesday 26 September 2006  
Tuesday 5 December 2006

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Chair of Partnership

The meeting closed 4:20 p.m.