

The **WARWICKSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**
met at the Shire Hall, Warwick on **27 February**
2007

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 Chris Holman

Officers

A.D. Smith

K. Rowe

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Councillor Simon Jackson

Officer

Chris Dobson

Warwick District Council

Councillor Margaret Begg

Officer

Jackie Webb

Warwickshire County Council

Councillor Ken Browne

Councillor Jose Compton

Councillor Eithne Goode

Councillor Martin Heatley (Chair)

Councillor Ray Sweet

Officers

Roy Burton

Sarah Elliott

Glenn Fleet

Jean Hardwick
Jo Ingle
Ian Marriott
Martin Stott
Kalen Wood

Also Present: Dr. Mick Hyde, Environment Agency and Pat Wheeler
AEA Energy & Environment.

1. Apologies

None

2. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2006

(a) Minutes

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Partnership meeting held on 4 December 2006, copies having been circulated, be approved and be signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

Minute 6 Countywide Home Composting

In reply to questions Glenn Fleet confirmed that a press statement had been issued after the last meeting and this had generated a few sales of home composters. It had not, however, proved possible to bulk buy home composters to sell on to Warwickshire residents as suggested by Members.

Minute 8 – Visit to Jayplas Plastics

In reply to a question it was confirmed that prices of plastics for recycling had been sent out to Members electronically but would be sent out again for those Members who said they had not received the information.

Minute 9(a) Grendon Household Waste Recycling Site

In reply to a question Roy Burton said that the Consultant was still looking at all sites and would be reporting back in 4 weeks time.

Councillor Ray Sweet said that there was still strong public opposition to extending this site.

4. Flycapture and the Flytipping Protocols

Dr. Mick Hyde, Environment Management Team Leader, said his work covered Kenilworth, Coventry and Rugby and half of Warwickshire but would be extended in April to include North Warwickshire, Hinckley and Bosworth and Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Dr. Hyde outlined the work being done by the Environment Agency running Flycapture and on flytipping (presentation material attached/data available on www.defra.gsi.gov.uk). He referred to the "Flytipping Protocol" which outlined measures that would enable Local Authorities, the Police and the Environment Agency to work better together. The aim of the agreement was –

"The Environment Agency would deal with the "big, bad, and the nasty" (significantly large incidents of fly tipping, fly tipped hazardous waste, and any tipping relating to organised crime.)

Any other incident falling outside this category would be referred to the Local Authority. The Police would work with both parties in crime prevention and with the more difficult aspects of environmental crime."

He hoped that the "Flytipping Protocol" would be signed by the County Council and district/borough councils after the May elections.

Discussion followed during which concern was expressed about the number of flytipping incidents that were still occurring and which were being dealt with by the districts and boroughs without any help from the Environment Agency. Dr. Hyde said that he was unaware of this problem and urged the district/borough councils to make sure that they reported all incidents to the Environment Agency so that they could be recorded and this would help to ensure that resources were prioritised accordingly.

The Partnership –

(1) thanked Dr Hyde for his presentation.

(2) asked that the County Council and District and Borough Councils be asked to sign up to the Flytipping Protocol. (Roy Burton to circulate copies of the protocol to all district/borough councils with a request that they be signed after the May elections).

5. Business Cases for In-Vessel Composters and Material Recycling Facilities – Presentation by Pat Wheeler, AEA Technology.

Pat Wheeler presented the options for Material Recycling Facilities (presentation material attached) and In-Vessel Composting in Warwickshire. He outlined the study, which was to –

- (1) Investigate the options for introducing BMW diversion and additional recycling through move to MRF and in-vessel composting (IVC).
- (2) The options for partnership working with neighbours
- (3) Identify optimal solutions for Warwickshire council tax-payer.
- (4) Provide stages needed for development of desired a solution.
- (5) Model the results, propose a way forward and put forward issues to consider.

The Partnership –

- (1) thanked Pat. Wheeler for his presentation.
- (2) noted that a detailed report would be presented to a special meeting of the Partnership for Members to decide how to progress this issue.

6. Presentation on visit to Devon and Somerset’s Recycling Centres – Sarah Elliott

(This item was taken after item 7 but is recorded as set out on the agenda).

Sarah Elliott reported on her visit to Devon and Somerset recycling Centres (presentation material attached) and compared the performance of those two authorities against Warwickshire’s household waste recycling and composting. In reply to questions she said it was difficult to establish exactly why Somerset performed better than Warwickshire but it related mostly to the success of the kerbside collections and recycling of man made woods but would need more detailed analysis to be more precise.

The Chair thanked Sarah Elliott for her presentation.

7. Draft Waste Minimisation Strategy –Glenn Fleet

Glenn Fleet presented the report outlining the draft Waste Minimisation Strategy and asked for approval to carry out the consultation on the direction of travel rather than on the infrastructure. He also asked Members to agree an additional recommendation as follows –

“That the officers prepare an Action Plan and report back to the next Waste Partnership meeting on the roll out of the Plan”.

Councillor Ken Browne considered that the consultation should be carried out in the first instance and that the Partnership should be then asked to agree the Action Plan and Plan at the next meeting.

The Partnership agreed that –

- (1) the draft Strategy be agreed, in principle.
- (2) The consultation proposal in paragraph 4 be approved, and Members receive a further report on the outcomes of the public consultation.

(Councillor Martin Heatley left the meeting at this point and Councillor Margaret Begg took the Chair.)

8. Summary of Progress Against Targets in Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy – Kalen Wood.

The Partnership, having considered the report which summarised the progress made by the Warwickshire Waste Partnership towards reaching the targets agreed in Warwickshire's Municipal Waste Management Strategy, -

- (1) Approved the draft report.
- (2) Agreed that the report is made available on the Warwickshire Waste Partnership webpages.

9. Temporary arrangements for Public Recycling Facilities in Rugby – Winter 2007/8

Members considered the report of the Officer Group detailing the proposed temporary arrangements that would be put in place to serve the Rugby Area with public household waste recycling facilities while the Hunters Lane site was closed for refurbishment from September 2007 to March 2008.

In reply to questions Jo Ingle explained that –

- Discussion had taken place with Rugby Borough Council officers about publicity arrangements and notices at the site to ensure that the public were aware of the refurbishment and the alternative arrangements.
- In the event that the flytipping crew was found to be struggling at the site then funding would be provided for an additional crew.
- Discussions had also taken place with Leicestershire County Council officers to alert them to the potential of flytipping over the boarder and they had said that, if that happened, they would take steps to manage the problem.

The Partnership noted the proposed temporary arrangements for household waste recycling while the Hunters Lane site is closed for refurbishment.

10. Joint Waste Authority Working

Glenn Fleet presented the report of the Officers Group, which proposed that a working group carry out an option appraisal for closer partnership working, following on from previous consideration of the options by the Partnership and the recent announcement of an additional option in the form of a statutory joint waste authority. The group would be steered by Members and would report back to the Partnership in July.

Councillor Geoff. Ashford said that he had spoken to his Leader and reported that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council did not wish to participate in this proposal because it would take away the Borough's autonomy and it could not support the terms of reference.

Councillor Ken Browne highlighted that all district/borough councils had signed up to enhanced two-tier working and the proposal before the Partnership fitted in with this aim. The proposal was to carry out an appraisal of the options and would not mean that one authority would take over another's powers but would mutually enhance what each authority could do.

Resolved, a majority voting in favour, to –

- (1) Support an option appraisal of forms of closer partnership in waste and recycling.
- (2) Agree the terms of reference and nominate 4 representatives from the district/borough Council (not including Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council) and 3 representatives from the County Council to form the Working Group.(Note that the first meeting of the Working Group shall not be held until after the District Council elections in May).
- (3) Ask the Working Group to report to the Waste Partnership by July2007, if possible .

11. Any other business.

None

10. Future Meeting dates (2:00 p.m. Shire Hall) –

Future meeting dates were noted as follows-

Tuesday 12 June 2007
Tuesday 25 September 2007
Tuesday 27 November 2007

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Chair of Partnership

The meeting closed at 4:40 p.m.