

Minutes

Refuse Disposal Facility Community Reference Group Portfolio Committee – Meeting 46

Date:	16 December 2021	Time:	4:30pm - 7:00pm
Location:	Online (Microsoft Teams)		
Chairperson:	Bruce Turner		
Attendees:	<p>Independent Chair Bruce Turner Phoenix Facilitation</p> <p>Wyndham City Councillors: Cr Peter Maynard Councillor (Iramoo Ward) Cr Heather Marcus Councillor (Iramoo Ward)</p> <p>Wyndham City Council Staff: Simon Clay Manager Waste Management and Disposal Justin Rhodes Environmental Systems Officer</p> <p>Reference Group members: Lisa Field Resident group representative Mason Asadi Environmental group representative Michelle Lee Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group Julian Menegazzo Adjacent landowner representative Joe Ferlazzo Community representative Karen Hucker Community representative</p> <p>Guests: Hayley Jarvis Team Leader Resilience & Waste Education Kaylene Johnson Coordinator Waste Collection Services</p>		
Apologies:	Stephen Thorpe Director City Operations Matthew Whelan RDF Operations Coordinator Bianca Bragalenti Community representative Hayley Scott Community representative Karthik Viswanathan Community representative Paul Von Harder Community representative		

Program

Topic	Actions
1. Welcome & Apologies Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest No conflicts of interest were declared.	
3. Adoption of Previous Minutes The draft notes from the previous meeting held on the 21 October 2021 were accepted with no changes.	
<p>The Action Tracker was circulated prior to the meeting agenda. All 'pending' items have been listed for discussion under the relevant agenda items at today's meeting.</p>	

Action Tracker for the October 2021 meeting provided below.

ACTIONS FROM OCTOBER 2021 MEETING		
Action Reference	Action Details	Status
M45-5.1	Stephen would request that Council's Resilience and Waste Education Team investigate straps on masks being removed prior to disposal.	Closed. Councils Resilience and Waste Education Team will schedule some social media posts and will include an article in Council's next Green Living e-newsletter.
M45-5.2	Stephen would request that Council's Waste Education Team to discuss Council's recycling Strategy	Pending. Hayley Jarvis to attend December CRG
M45-5.3	Justin to follow up with Council's Litter Management Team to give a presentation on litter management (hard waste collections)	Pending. Kaylene Johnson to attend December CRG
M45-8.1	Matthew to report to the CRG recycling initiatives at the RDF at the next meeting.	Pending.
M45-8.2	Simon to discuss reclamation projects at the next meeting.	Pending.
ACTIONS FROM MEETINGS PRIOR TO LAST MEETING		
M43-7.1	Council to discuss and organise a presentation from Deakin University regarding the works at the Hub	Pending. Stephen would follow up to see if he can find someone at Deakin who could present

4. **RDF Membership and 2022 meeting schedule**

Justin indicated that the date for next CRG meeting:

- 24 February 2022 - will be held at the Council office (COVID pending)

5. **Members' Reports**

Julian Menegazzo

Julian noted that his low frequency noise issues had reduced. He still experienced issues on occasion but thought it was better. Julian and Council hoping no noise issues next time we meet.

Lisa Field

Nothing to report, but recommended new members take the opportunity to visit the RDF. Joe said he was keen and Justin indicated that Matthew would be organising tours in the New Year.

Karen Hucker

Described a community initiative promoting the opportunity to have Christmas trees mulched. The response demonstrated a good awareness of hardwaste.

Joe Ferlazzo

Nothing to report, but keen to visit the RDF in the New Year.

6. **Industry Update**

Michelle discussed Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021.

The presentation can be provided upon request.

7. **Wyndham Waste Strategy and Waste Services Update**

Council's Waste Education Program

Hayley presented Council's current waste education program discussing bin inspections, Cleanaway reports, educational flyers, curbside audits, and initiatives around circular economy.

Cr Marcus commented on grazing packs and the waste produced from these. Hayley discussed the impacts of COVID procedures (i.e., the OHS requirements) and that we have reverted to single use plastics. The feel is that we have gone backwards after making good progress in this area over the last year or two.

Hayley confirmed with Joe that flyers developed are multilingual and often very pictorial as these are the received well in the community.

Joe asked about Council management of e-waste.

Hayley confirmed that this cannot go to landfill as it is illegal. Simon confirmed that e-waste disposed of at the

Transfer Station is segregated and sent to a specific organization for material recovering and reprocessing

Cr Marcus discussed a letter received from the Environment Minister regarding recycling of various items including child car safety seats. Simon mentioned the waste reclamation trial completed several years ago at the RDF may help inform her response.

Council's Hard Waste Collection

Kaylene discuss Council's hard waste and green waste collection system and presented data to the group on waste compositions being observed. Council was also collating information regarding dumped rubbish type and location. This data will help inform Council for future planning and installation of waste collection services/facilities.

Cr Maynard noted that often we observe multiple mattresses from households. Kaylene indicated that Councils allocates two mattresses per hardwaste collection.

Karen queried Council regarding that statistics on the community's uptake of hard waste collections. Kaylene indicated that this is part of the current works and that information is currently being compiled.

Waste reclamation trial

Simon discussed a landfill reclamation trial undertaken at the RDF a few years ago. The trial included several test pits and the investigation of approximately 60 tonnes of reclaimed waste. The preliminary investigation indicated that approximately 85% of the waste was potentially recoverable for reuse.

Simon explained that the trial would have gone further however asbestos was found in the recovered waste. The complexities associated with asbestos management meant that a full-scale recovery project was not considered viable.

Julian queried the pollution potential of the asbestos on the environmental such as groundwater. Simon explained the asbestos is more of a human health risk than environmental.

Joe asked when Council stopped taking asbestos. Simon indicated that we do not accept asbestos and that this was found in the older landfill waste deposit before it was regulated. On occasion, Council still has residents trying to bring asbestos to site via the transfer station or it is dumped in the waste collection bins.

Resource recovery and baling facility

Design for the resource recovery and baling facility is progressing, Council is finalising the specification and tender document to provide to three shortlisted companies in early 2022. From these submissions,

Council will select the company that we will work with for the final design of the facility. Council is working towards the bailing plant operating by mid-2023. Joe asked if each bail would be recorded in case future technologies allowed for further recycling. Simon indicated that each bail would have a unique identifier but at this stage not sure if this would/could include waste composition information.

8. **RDF Operations**

Performance Dashboard - tonnage, landfill gas

Simon provided information on the amounts of waste recorded coming into the site and the impacts of Covid on the volume of waste received at the Transfer Station. Peaks in the volumes of waste received at the Transfer Station coincided with the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Simon also noted an increase in green waste coming into the site which Council believes to be reflective of the seasons.

Pollution Abatement Notices

Justin provided an update on the current PANs. Reprofiling of Cell 1b-3 was progressing well and basically complete. Council still has some 'low spots' to fill which will be progressively completed as the appropriate soils are sourced. Council will commence the design of the final cap for Cell 1b-3 in mid-2022 for completion in 2024.

Overburden removal on Cell 4 was progressing well. It is estimated that approximately 110,000 m³ of waste had been removed and this would be confirmed with a survey prior to Christmas. Council was in the final process of awarding the Cell 4 (eastern side) capping contract which would commence in late March 2022. It is estimated that this will take 4-6 months to complete.

Council had also submitted an auditor verified Landfill Gas Remediation Action Plan to the EPA which provides the rehabilitation pathway for the site for the next 3-5 years.

Complaints register

The complaints register was distributed prior to the meeting. No comments regarding this.

Simon provided an updated on the LMS Bioenergy facility, which included the installation of further noise attenuation devices at their site. LMS advised Council that they had upgraded and installed the final muffler a few days ago. LMS staff onsite indicated that they believed there was a reduction in noise levels, however we would await any further feedback from Julian over the coming weeks.

Cell 6 and Cell 7 Construction

Cell 6 construction has been completed and Council is preparing documentation to provide to EPA for the Works Approval. Council won't commence filling Cell 6 until mid to late 2022.

Cell 7 design was underway however the site focus is on the rehabilitation projects for the immediate future.

9. Meeting Close/Details of Next Meeting

24 February 2022 – online or at Civic Centre (tbc)
