

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LONGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 26TH OF OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 2:00PM

MINUTES

1 PRESENT – Owen Diefenbach (OD) Cr. Ian Goninon (IG) Jonathan Galbraith (JG) Maria Lawson (ML) Rex Heathcote (RH) Roderick Cuthbert (RC)

2 IN ATTENDANCE – Mayor Mary Knowles

3 APOLOGIES – Leanne Sherriff (LS), Kate Heathcote (KH)

4 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Recycling Committee held on **Tuesday, 28th of September 2021** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Proposed RH seconded RC

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Composting of organics

JG to invite Launceston Environmental services to attend a future meeting.

6.2 Subsidising the purchase of cloth nappies

Discussed at the NTRWGMG meeting on 22/10/21 – The regional group are not pursuing this matter any further. JG to follow-up with Hobart regarding the scheme they have recently been running.

6.3 Kerbside greenwaste collection

It was noted that with the new state waste levee coming in it may now be viable to start a kerbside greenwaste collection.

7 AGENDA

7.1 Volunteers to assist with recycling at events

Volunteers requested for:

- Longford blooms festival – November 20
- Verandah Festival – November 27-29
- Longford Four Seasons Market – October 3, February 13, April 10, July 10 – RH is willing to volunteer
- Launceston Horticultural society, Evandale September 11 -12 – Trailer to be used on site
- Sustainable living festival to be held at Riverside on October 9. RH has agreed to do this.

Follow-up with Lucie re Facebook add for volunteers. Contact Jeff McClintok regarding recycling volunteers at the verandah festival. Noted that they need to do an induction.

The name “northern midlands waste watchers” has been chosen for the group. JG and LC to follow-up with Fiona regarding some vests with a logo.

7.2 Develop program for use of recycling trailer

More work still required on a program for the trailer. Campbell Town School have expressed an interest in it through Council’s Youth Officer.

Campbell Town School are interested in having the trailer. This is being organised by Council’s Youth Officer.

The Cradle Coast Waste Management Group have an education officer who is available to run sessions in schools provided he has enough notice. There may also be an opportunity for committee members to take part in this program and make use of the Cradle Coast Group’s resources.

JG to pass on to the northern group that finding a new waste education officer for the Northern Region should be a priority.

7.3 Support for business recycling

Council offers all businesses a 140L waste bin and a 240L recycling bin for \$126 per year or a 240L waste bin and a 240L recycling bin for \$189 per year. Alternatively, a business could elect to have two recycling bins for this price and not have a waste bin.

Council do not have a list of businesses. The best way to advertise this may be through Northern Midlands Business association. Jonathan has drafted a letter explain Council’s policy. JG to send to IG.

7.4 Single use plastics policy

Policy to be considered by Council. To be taken to a future workshop.

7.5 Recycling shed – Approach completion, some minor works still to be carried out by contractors. Discuss an opening for the new shed, media / promotion opportunities etc. Suggested Wednesday December 1 for an opening.

7.6 Presenting at community groups – e.g. Neighbourhood watch, KH to follow-up. JG has spoken to Launceston Council but they don't have any suitable presentations. KH to follow-up further suitable presentations and groups that might be interested.

7.7 Farm and agricultural waste – LS is looking into this further, to provide a further update at the next meeting.

7.8 Volunteer induction – All volunteers and committee members need to go through a Council induction process. To be done at either the October or November meeting depending on officer availability

7.9 Column for country courier

LS is working on an article on coffee cups.

Future columns??

7.10 Dog ID labels

Comment has been requested from Council's animal control officer.

7.11 Plasroc

Any updates from Plasroc?

8 NEW ITEMS

8.1 National recycling week – Nov 8 – 14 – Lucie is running a campaign on the Facebook Page, seeking ideas from the committee. Suggested that the trailer is put somewhere prominent for the week with a sign. Locations to be confirmed, committee to facilitate.

9 PRIORITY IDEAS LIST

9.1 FOGO collection for businesses – on hold

9.2 Launceston Council have a good fridge magnet which shows how products can be recycled. Look into whether this can be sent out with the next rates notices. – committee noted information, perhaps to be considered with next years rates mail out.

10 FACEBOOK / WEBSITE IDEAS

10.1 Recycling at events – Lucie to arrange Facebook items and content before departure.

12 FUTURE IDEAS LIST

12.1 Updates to recycling information sent out with rates

12.2 Recycling at sports clubs

12.3 Labelling of clothing businesses

13 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at 3.06pm.

Next meeting to be held at **3.00pm** on Tuesday **30th of November 2021** at the Longford Council Chambers.