

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LONGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 2:00PM

## MINUTES

**1 PRESENT** – Leanne Sherriff (Acted as chair) (LS), Roderick Cuthbert (RC), Kate Heathcote (KH), Sarah Benson (SB), Rex Heathcote (RH)

**2 IN ATTENDANCE** –

**3 APOLOGIES** – Ian Goninon (IG), Owen Deifenbach (OD), Mayor Mary Knowles (MK)

**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, 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Proposed KH seconded LS

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **6.1 Composting of organics**

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

New Tasmanian guidelines for biosolid re-use.

Investigate rebates to encourage home composting.

#### **6.2 Information from the recycling contractor on materials that can be recycled**

Rex has had contact with Veolia and they have advised that Council and volunteers should follow the information on the Rethink Waste website about what can be recycled.

## **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.

JG has asked Lucie and Fiona to advertise on Facebook for volunteers. Agreed that we would like Lucie to put up an add.

### **7.2 Subsidising the purchase of cloth nappies**

The NTRWMG meeting has been put back to October 22. JG to raise at meeting as they are also looking at this this.

### **7.3 Develop program for use of recycling trailer**

Kate Heathcote has offered to work on a program of some sites.

Fiona to ask if event organisers want the recycling trailer at their events.

### **7.4 Waste not awards**

Council won an award for the recycling trailer in local government category.

### **7.5 Support for business recycling**

Council do not have a list of businesses. The best way to advertise this may be through Northern Midlands Business association.

### **7.6 Single use plastics policy**

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

**7.7 Can medicine blister packs and light bulbs be recycled?** – Only fluorescent light globes can be recycled in Tasmania. Council have a collection bin for fluorescent light globes at the Longford waste transfer station. Blister packs cannot be recycled in Tasmania, banish.com.au has a program where these items can be posted to them and they provide online vouchers in exchange.

**7.8 Presenting at community groups** – e.g. Neighbourhood watch, KH to follow-up. JG to follow-up with power point presentations that might have been used by Launceston or other Councils.

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

**7.10 Volunteer induction** – All volunteers and committee members need to go through a Council induction process. Council’s OH&S officer was not available inductions to be done at the October meeting.

## **8 NEW ITEMS**

**8.1 Engagement with primary schools** – To be an agenda item at next meeting

**8.2 Dog ID labels** - Can we move to metal rather than a hard plate?

**8.3 Update on Plasroc** – To be put on agenda for next meeting

**8.4 Regular column for the country courier** - LS to follow up with Alison Andrews

## **9 PRIORITY IDEAS LIST**

**9.1** FOGO collection for businesses

**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.

## **10 FACEBOOK / WEBSITE IDEAS**

**10.1** Recycling at events

## **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 3.00 pm.

Next meeting to be held at **2.00pm** on Tuesday **26<sup>th</sup> of October 2021** at the Longford Council Chambers.