

## MINUTES

### 1 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Cr Ian Goninon (IG)	Jonathan Galbraith (JG)	Lisa McEachern (LM)
Owen Diefenbach (OD)	Roderick Cuthbert (RC)	Daniel Stearnes (DS)

In Attendance:

Lorraine Wyatt (LW)

Apologies:

Cr Mary Knowles (MK)

Absent:

### 2 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.*

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### Recommendation

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Recycling Committee held on Tuesday 27th September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

*Proposed OD seconded RC that the minutes be accepted.*

## 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

Contacts have been assigned to members to investigate peoples interesting in hosting the trailer (Refer to 2022-09 RC Minutes Appendix A).

A campaign is needed to communicate the existence of the trailer and increase usage. A letter has been drafted for distribution to the Northern Midlands Business Association and other community groups.

A document has been created to track progress.

*Action: Updated list will be sent out to committee members by DS*

*JG to confirm with Des about possibility of situating recycling trailer at Council chambers*

### 4.2 **Single use plastics policy**

Policy to be considered by Council. Further research into other Councils about their possible single use plastics policy.

*Action: LW to investigate obtaining a copy of neighbouring Council(s) single use policy to bring to next meeting to discuss.*

### 4.3 **Volunteer induction**

Some members have not completed the online induction. Information has been sent so that this can be completed. Have all members completed the induction?

*On hold until next year due to new WHS system to be implemented in the near future.*

### 4.4 **Recycling Apps**

Investigate further into regarding 'recycle mate' & possibly 'recycle coach' apps to discuss its potential at next meeting. Lorraine Wyatt will attend meeting to discuss promotion ideas. A quick presentation of both apps will be done to compare them.

*Action: DS to setup presentation of apps as first agenda item of the meeting*

### 4.5 **Advertisement for new committee member(s)**

Are further committee members still required? / Non-attendance of committee members

*There is current advertisement but as of last meeting no further applicants.*

### 4.6 **Plastic Bin Toppers**

Information presented by Daniel. Alternative to bin covers, these plastic toppers will allow the label the different types of bins. Benefits:

- Plastic easy to clean
- Simple to install
- Changes the shape of bin opening to discourage incorrect disposals

*Action: DS/JG to order 10 red toppers & 5 yellow recycling toppers through recycling committee budget and contact neighbouring Councils to see if there is any interest in order green toppers because these can only be supplied by a minimum of 20.*

### 4.7 **Longford Recycling Shed Data**

Recycling shed data to be emailed to committee members

*Action: For next contract renewal for waste transfer attendees, JG will look into variation of contract to supply waste management data*

#### **4.8 WMRR Forum**

This event will be held at Peppers Silo Launceston 89-91 Lindsay Street Launceston, TAS 7248 on Thursday, 11 November 2021 from 12pm – 7.30pm. Price for registration is \$180.

Status: JG to investigate within Council if able to allocate budget in allowing committee members to attend

*Action: Council is willing to fund two committee members to attend forum. JG to urgently setup for RC his invitation.*

### **5 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Renewal of waste transfer station site operation tender**

The current contractor, Just Waste is approaching the end of their tender, but the agreement allows for a two-year extension of the current tender based on the performance of the tenderer. It has been suggested that the tender be amended to require recycling services at Campbell Town, Avoca and Evandale. This could be done either by offering the current tenderer a two year extension or re-calling tenders. JG is to write a report to the next Council meeting for their consideration.

*Agreed unanimously to that the recycling committee would support extending recycling services to all waste transfer stations in next waste transfer station contract. Action: JG to bring to committees' decision to Council meeting*

#### **5.2 Flyer for Recycling Trailer**

To assist with education for recycling trailer. Mayor Mary suggests a flyer to give to event organisers.

*Status: No further progress*

#### **5.3 Environmental Expo**

*LM has put forward idea to host a possible environmental expo at the village green in Longford. OD suggested that this kind of stall could be implemented at the Campbell Town show.*

*Action: LM to further look into idea and gather interest to bring to Council.*

#### **5.4 Recycling bins at Council Park & Reserves**

*Discussions within Works Department on recycling collection vehicle/compartment*

*Action: JG to prepare a report for a future Council meeting for adding resources to works department to allow for collection and disposal of recycling bins around municipality*

#### **5.5 Waste management issues at Longford Show**

*RC made committee aware of recyclables at the Longford show making its way into landfill. Is there something Council can do to support improved waste management at independent events such as the Longford Show. RC is hoping that the upcoming Longford blooms event is able to have recycling available.*

*Action JG to contact Fiona Dewar to see if this can be raised with the organising committee of Longford Blooms*

### **6 IDEAS**

## 6.1 Priority Ideas

### 6.1.1 Recycling document for fridges

Discussed the creation of a one-page recycling information sheet. Instead of a magnet an information sheet is also compostable to further promote usage of recyclable/compostable materials. With the addition of recycling committee promotion on information sheet.

### ~~6.1.2 Promotional Materials~~

~~The committee was advised there are several resources available and that it is just a matter of deciding what is required and what the budget allocation is for promotional materials.~~

*Removal of item due to similarity to other items*

### 6.1.1 School Involvement in recycling

Northern Tasmanian Waste Management Group (NTWM) have program for school recycling participation. Possible idea for committee program to create school recycling events or “challenges”

*Status: No further progress*

## 6.2 Future Ideas

### 6.2.1 Recycling at sports clubs – Status: On hold

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### 6.2.2 Labelling of clothing for businesses – Status: On Hold

### ~~6.2.3 Recycling bins at Council Park & Reserves~~

~~Discussions within Works Department on recycling collection vehicle/compartment~~

*Refer to item 5.4*

### 6.2.4 Using tyres in asphalt

### ~~6.2.5 Compostable Doggie Bags – Require FOGO collection~~

~~Status: Council to investigate costing of implementing compostable doggie bags~~

### 6.2.6 *Plazrok* advancements in Queensland

Status: On hold

### 6.2.7 Replace plastic bottles

Status: Council to discourage use of single use plastics including plastic bottles.

## 7 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at: 5.00pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of October

Next meeting: 4.00pm Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of November