

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL RECYCLING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL OFFICE, LONGFORD ON TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 2:00PM

1 PRESENT

Cr Ian Goninon, Cr Matthew Brooks, Roderick Cuthbert, Owen Diffenbach, Rex Heathcote, Mr Jonathan Galbraith (NMC)

2 IN ATTENDANCE

Miss Lucie Copas (NMC)

3 APOLOGIES

NIL

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.

Nil declared

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

NIL

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Waste Transfer Station grant - Northern Regional Waste Management Group

Council has been offered a \$100,000 grant which must be matched with a minimum of \$100,000 of Council. The Local Recycling Committee would like to provide input into which materials can be recycled.

7.2 Tyre Recycling

Concerns regarding tyre recycling and the large stockpiles in several areas in the northern region were discussed.

7.3 Recycling Trailer

Waste Minimisation Grant funding is available through the NTRWMG. It was suggested that Council apply for a grant for a recycling trailer. Grants close on December 6

Action: Jonathan to investigate

7.4 Crates for recycling aluminium by sports clubs and other groups

Funding could also be applied for through the waste minimisation grants.

7.5 Labelling of clothing that can be recycled

Clothing made of cotton can be recycled for rags, polyester can only be sent to landfill.

It was suggested that clothing could be labelled so that people are aware if it can be recycled. This is an initiative that would need to be implemented at a national level.

7.6 Northern Midlands Council Australia Day Awards 2021

General discussion was held regarding Councils upcoming Australia Day Awards and the possibility of nominating for Young Citizen of the Year.

Action: Members to contact Lucie for further information

7.7 ASPIRE

General discussion was held regarding the ASPIRE platform.

Aspire is an online platform where businesses can exchange waste, Council have signed up to this platform through the NTRWMG. The Local Recycling Committee may be able to assist in promotion.

7.8 Invitation to future meeting

General discussion was held regarding inviting Michael Attard (NTRWVG Coordinator) to attend a future meeting.

Action: Jonathan to progress

8 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 3:10pm.

Next meeting **date and time to be confirmed.**