

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS LOCAL RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LONGFORD COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 2:00PM

## MINUTES

### 1 PRESENT -

2 IN ATTENDANCE – Owen Diefenbach, Roderick Cuthbert, Leanne Sherriff, Mayor Mary Knowles, Fiona Dewar (NMC), Rex Heathcote, Cr. Ian Goninon, Jonathan Galbraith (NMC)

3 APOLOGIES – Cr. Matthew Brooks, Maria Lawson, Kate Heathcote, Sarah Benson

### 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, 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2021** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Proposed Rex Heathcote, seconded Mary Knowles

### 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### **6.1 Plasrok**

Still awaiting further information from Plasrok. Their product is not yet approved to use in Australia as concrete aggregate

#### **6.2 Recycling shed**

Site works have commenced.

#### **6.3 Frank's Biochar**

Cr. Gonion has contact Franks Biochar, he mainly produces small scale kiln which are probably not suitable for our waste transfer stations.

#### **6.4 Compost and plastic products at agricultural businesses**

Some enquiries have been made, continue to follow-up.

#### **6.5 Collection and separation of recyclables from Council bins**

This would involve purchasing another vehicle for collection recycling bins. List as a future idea.

#### **6.6 Collection of organics at the Longford Waste Transfer Station**

JG to provide update into investigations into the issues involved with collection of organics at the Longford Waste Transfer Station. JG to follow-up with further with EPA.

#### **6.7 Attendees at future meetings**

Justin Jones (Just Waste) was to be invited to present at the May meeting but as a number of committees were away this has been postponed to June.

Jon Heathcote (Sage Automation) to also be invited to a future meeting to discuss automated vending machine that can be used for the container deposit scheme.

#### **6.8 Vouchers at Waste Transfer Stations**

Report to be prepared for future Council meeting. JG to follow-up with Maree.

### **7 AGENDA**

#### **7.1 Recycling trailer**

The recycling trailer is now complete. Need to organise promotion of the trailer and develop a plan to start using the trailer around the community. Cr. Gonion to assist with a launch presentation.

#### **7.2 Recycling at events**

Council have a small number of yellow bins which can be used for the collection of recycling at events. These would need to be monitored by volunteers to prevent contamination. Agreed that we attempt to find volunteers through the Recycling Committee.

Request a small budget needs to be allocated to purchase vests for volunteers, signage, more bins etc.

Fiona to draft some information on recyclables to include in the event manual.

The Panama Festival have recycled very successfully agreed to invite them to present at future meeting.

### **8 NEW ITEMS**

#### **8.1 Subsidisation of cloth nappies to reduce waste to landfill**

Some Melbourne councils are subsidising the purchase of cloth nappies to reduce waste to landfill. JG to talk to Maree re investigating this at NMC.

#### **8.2 ??**

## **9 PRIORITY IDEAS LIST**

**9.1** Recycling at events

**9.2** FOGO collection for businesses

## **10 FUTURE IDEAS LIST**

**10.1** Information to sent out with rates

**10.2** Recycling at sports clubs

**10.3** Labelling of clothing businesses

**10.4** Recycling bins in Council parks

## **11 CLOSURE**

Chairperson closed meeting at 3.15 pm.

Next meeting **to be confirmed to fit with promotion of recycling trailer** at the Longford Council Chambers.