

Waste Strategy Steering Committee
Meeting 4
Minutes

Meeting held 19 September 2017 at
Council Offices – Roberts Ave
Reception Room
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Welcome** – Cr David Grimble, Chairman
Cr David Grimble, John Martin, Heather Phillips, Kelvin Howe, David Bowe, Daryl Hobbs
2. **Apologies**
Mick Morris, Steven Schultz, Bill Schmidt, Millie Spence, David Pratt, Wendy Lynch
Moved: Daryl Hobbs, Seconded: Heather Phillips, that the apologies be accepted
3. **Previous meeting**
 - 3.1. Minutes of previous meeting – 22 August 2017
Moved: Heather Phillips, Seconded: David Bowe that the minutes from the previous meeting were true and correct.
 - 3.2. Action items
 - Vision – will discuss at next meeting
 - What are other councils are doing with people with limited abilities – La Vergne to look into.
4. **Correspondence**
 - 4.1. Letter from Emma Kealy, and response – Dadswells Bridge
 - Kelvin waiting to hear back from Recycling Contractor on if they are prepared to go to these areas.
5. **Issues Papers**
 - 5.1. Container Deposit Schemes
 - A matter primarily for the State Government
 - National study done. The preferred model is a packaging stewardship scheme where you pay a fee in the price of the item
 - Council has recently lobbied for a container deposit scheme, without result.
 - 5.2. Garage Sail Trail Event
 - Concept is great
 - Level of impact is never going to high
 - The time to be registered and the time for sale is not great
 - Need someone on the ground to get people on board

- Service clubs could help with this?
- Things like café fixit or boomerang bags are great for the community

5.3. Recycling at Events

- Is getting some use
- Used for football finals at Coughlin Park – there was a bit of contamination
- If there was a recycling centre in town then these could go there for sorting or contractor needs to pick up these bins
- If there is one bit of contamination in the bin, then whole bin goes to landfill
- **Action: La Vergne to ask around and see what others have done in this situation**
- Education is needed
- If the contaminant is the food waste, then why don't we have a food bin?
- Could the football clubs have more ownership? Could reward the clubs for good practices.

5.4. Education

- North East Vic spend \$300k on education for 5 councils
- Having a number of discussions with groups about setting up composting systems.
- Golden Plains did a breakdown using a great picture of a bin. La Vergne has requested a copy of this for us to use.
- La Vergne has met with Biomax – offers some likelihood of green waste receipt
- Council garbage operators find that the recycling bins aren't utilised in certain areas
- Anything we do will have an education element to it
- The Waste Group will have some education in coming months on Ewaste and should tag onto this for other programs

5.5. Dooen Landfill Operation

- Costs a lot of money to run a landfill – not many councils do it
- Needed to review whether Council should continue to operate Dooen Landfill.
- Looked at carting waste to other landfills and worked out it was cheaper to continue to run our own
- Is there an opportunity in putting in a container and sending off? There is an issue with timing i.e putrescible waste

5.6. Ban on E-waste

- Government will be rolling out education programs for this in the near future
- Horsham is ideally placed as we have Community Axis and Bits and Bytes.
- Bits and bytes offers free home pick up of anything electrical
- The e-waste associated with this ban is anything electrical eg toasters, kettles, hair dryers, electric toothbrushes

- There are infrastructure grants available in the next few weeks for.

5.7. Green waste – stockpiles, energy

- Sales at transfer station is near nothing
- Is used for Motocross at moment
- Biomass at Aquatic Centre does not have a good payback

5.8. Increased recovery of materials

- Building products is an area this can be increased
- Partly done – have a new item for landfill – chipped hard waste – haven't nailed the solution for this
- Keen for committee to make suggestions on how we can improve in this area
- Building a new plant that can get gypsum down to 90% 10mm which he has a market for.
- Need to find a market for dried timber. Have the equipment for it but there is no market for this at the moment.
- Landfill levies are getting more so more and more are stockpiles.
- If a consultant can be found – would Horsham be interested a grant for someone to do this audit? – **Action: JM**

6. Engagement

- 6.1. Communication on Issues Papers – propose to be same as last meeting
- 6.2. Need to focus on what we are going to provide to the community at next meetings
- 6.3. Seek feedback before meetings from committee members on what to provide to public with costs

7. Objectives

8. General Business

8.1. Recycling presentation – LaVergne

- Was circulated with agenda

8.2. Items Committee members wish to raise

- At an aged care facility and concerned of how far some people have to wheel their bins – **Action: JM to raise with Wendy Lynch**

9. Next meeting

9.1. Date - 17 October- 4.00-6.00pm – Reception Room

9.2. Main agenda items

- Option refinement – based on issues paper discussions
 - Will seek feedback prior to meeting, via email
- Costs of options
 - Will develop these based on feedback of preferred options
- Education / awareness / engagement
 - Goal will be to have options ready for engagement for next meeting.

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