

Item 2.

**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 1st February 2012
Magherafelt District Council**

Present:

Ballymoney Borough Council
Alderman Cecil Cousley

Coleraine Borough Council
Councillor William King
Jonathan Wilson

Derry City Council
Councillor Shaun Gallagher
Conor Canning

Limavady Borough Council
Alderman Jack Rankin
Alderman Michael Coyle
Noel Crawford

Magherafelt District Council
Councillor Sean McPeake
Andrew Cassells

Moyle District Council
Councillor Robert McIlroy
Aidan McPeake

NWRWMG
Eamon Molloy
Jonathan Gray
Keith Swerdlick
Joanne Curran

PDSU
Alan McVicker

Item 1 - Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor Evelyne Robinson
Councillor Jay McCauley
Councillor Kieran McGuire
Councillor Kate Lagan
Councillor William McCandless
Councillor Michael Cooper
Sharon O'Connor
Danny McSorley

Roger Wilson
Richard Lewis
John Dempsey
John Michael
Malcolm Scott
John Kelpie
John McLaughlin
John Michael
Oonagh Warke

In the absence of the Chair Councillor E Robinson, it was agreed by the meeting that Councillor S Gallagher should take the Chair.

Item 2 - Minutes

The Chair reviewed the previous minutes with the Committee on a page-by-page basis.

The minutes of the meeting of the 4th January 2012 were:

PROPOSED by Alderman J Rankin **and SECONDED** by Councillor R McIlroy

Item 3 - Matter Arising

There being no other matters arising the Chair moved to the next item of business.

Item 4 - Project Update Report - Confidential

The Development Officer updated the meeting on the current status of the project. He informed the group that the evaluation of the final tender could not be completed until the outcome of the NIROCs Consultation was known. The NIROCs consultation had been extended for an additional week but it was not yet known when the outcome would be published.

He further informed the meeting that the Chair, the project manager and he had met with Minister Foster on the issue and that they had had a very satisfactory meeting. The Minister had agreed to support the position outlined by the Group on this matter, however, representation could only be made after the consultation had closed.

Councillor Gallagher stated that this delay has been very unsatisfactory and asked how the bidder regarded this matter. The Development Officer told the members that the bidder has been made aware of this in December 2011 as soon as the matter had come to the attention of the Group; he added that as this was a UK wide matter everyone is faced with the same issue.

Item 5 - Update on the award of the Mixed Dry Recyclables Contract - Confidential

The Development Officer stated that he was continuing to liaise with the advisors on this matter and that Regen is reissuing the Writ naming all 7 councils.

He stated that the process was to seek clarification from the successful bidder and upon receipt of this information a recommendation would be brought to the Joint Committee as to how to proceed in the matter.

**Item 6 - Presentation to the Environment Committee of the NI Assembly
19th January 2012**

The Development Officer updated members on the presentation to the Environment Committee and he thanked those members of the Joint Committee who had attended the session. He informed the meeting that they had had to adjust the approach to the session due to time constraints but felt that the team had given robust and correct answers to the questions asked.

The Development Officer said he was confident that the Environment Committee had been given full information on the project and that the Department of the Environment would attend a similar session in the coming week.

Mr McVicker told the members that the group was very constricted but gave full and frank answers and he felt that there were a lot of encouraging nods.

The Chair stated that the message had been delivered very effectively and Alderman Coyle said that he would like to thank the officers and members as a great deal of work had been put into preparing for the event.

Item 7 - Submission to the DETI consultation on NIROCs

Mr Gray took members through the submission to the above consultation. He highlighted the background, process and conclusion and stated that if the proposed changes are applied to the infrastructure project many benefits would be lost.

The NWRWMG had asked that NIROCs legislation should allow for any Advanced Gasification or Pyrolysis generating station that either was in the Public Procurement process, or for which a valid planning application had been lodged prior to the date of this consultation, to be able to qualify for accreditation for ROC's under the extant definitions up to March 2017.

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Item 8 - AOB

The Development Officer reminded members that the date of the next meeting is on 7th March 2012 in Strabane District Council.

There being no further business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting terminated at 2.30pm

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evelyne Robinson', written over a horizontal line.

**Cllr Evelyne Robinson
Chair**