

NWRWMG Joint Committee June 2014

Item 7 – Minutes of the Meeting of the 7th May 2014

North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Wednesday 7th May 2014@ 2.00 PM
Moyle District Council

Present:

Ballymoney Borough Council

Councillor Evelyne Robinson (Chair)
John Michael
Cecil Cousley

Coleraine Borough Council

Councillor William King
Kieran Doherty

Limavady Borough Council

Alderman Michael Coyle
Councillor Jack Rankin
Noel Crawford

Moyle District Council

Councillor Robert McIlroy
Richard Lewis
Aidan McPeake

Magherafelt District Council

Andrew Cassells

NWRWMG

Eamon Molloy
Philip Kingston (DCC,
Solicitor to the NWRWMG)
Keith Swerdlick

The Chair extended her sympathy on behalf of the committee to Kieran Doherty on the recent bereavement within his family.

NWRWMG Joint Committee June 2014

Item 1 - Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor George Duddy	Danny McSorley
Councillor Martin Kearney	John Dempsey
Councillor Bridget Meehan	Liam Flanigan
Councillor Jay McCauley	John McLaughlin
Councillor Kieran McGuire	Barry O'Hagan
Councillor Sean McPeake	Sharon O'Connor
	Conor Canning

Item 2 - Minutes 19th March 2014

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

The minutes of the meeting of the 19th March 2014:

PROPOSED by Councillor McIlroy and **SECONDED** by Councillor King

Item 3- Matter Arising

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

Item 4- Waste Infrastructure Project - Confidential

The Chair requested that the meeting go into Committee. This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor King and **SECONDED** by Councillor Cousley.

The Development Officer then advised members that each constituent Council had approved the recommendation that the Joint Committee made on 19th March 2014. A formal letter will now to be issued to the bidder. The NWRWMG is obliged to provide detail to the bidder as to why the Joint Committee came to the decision that it did.

NWRWMG Joint Committee June 2014

Once the formal letter is issued to the bidder, any challenge must be made within 30 days.

The Development Officer informed members that as central government funding for the infrastructure project ceased on 31st March 2014 provision was required to cover expenditure for legal advice to conclude this matter. He informed the meeting that the sum required would not exceed £4,000.00. This sum was agreed by the meeting.

The Chair requested that the meeting come out of Committee. This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor King and **SECONDED** by Councillor Cousley.

Item 5 - Waste Management Plan

The Development Officer advised members that the Group has been engaged on a review of the Waste Management Plan on behalf of member councils. This is a statutory obligation and the original timetable was for submission of the reviewed plan by March 2014.

As members will be aware the original plan was predicated on the provision of infrastructure and the Group had instigated the regional procurement to enable the delivery of this aspect of the plan.

As the member Councils of the Group have now decided not to continue with this exercise the plan in its existing format is no longer valid and as a result additional amendments will now need to be considered. This will entail the reworking of elements of the existing plan and a new public consultation on the plan.

It is therefore recommended that RPS, who have been responsible for the review to date, should be further engaged to carry out the necessary amendments that will permit a new public consultation and submission of the plan to the Department as required

The Chair enquired if constituent Councils could be penalised for submitting a overdue Plan. The Development Officer informed members that the Department is quite aware of situation and the Group has been working with the Department on the matter.

Mr Doherty commented that except for elements of the Plan that reference the Infrastructure Project, the Plan is fit for purpose and perhaps we should consider only amending these.

NWRWMG Joint Committee June 2014

The Chair enquired if the Group needs to engage the Department regarding how the Plan is impacted once the Reform of Local Government takes place on 1st April 2015.

The Development Officer informed members that he would seek additional direction from the department on the matter of timetable.

It was **PROPOSED** by Alderman Coyle and **SECONDED** by Councillor King that the Item should be deferred for further consideration until the June committee meeting.

Item 6 - Corporate Risk Register

The Development Officer referred to the register attached with the meeting papers and the matter was noted.

Item 7 - Committee Vacancies

The Chair referred to attached papers indicating that nominations were required from the Committee to fill vacancies. The Chair invited nominations for the vacancy on the Waste Programme Board.

- Waste Programme Board: The Chair **PROPOSED** Cllr. McIlroy and this was **SECONDED** by Cllr Cousley. There being no further nominations Councillor McIlroy was elected to the vacancy.

The Chair referred to the vacancy on the Audit and Risk Committee and invited nominations. Councillor King informed the meeting that when the Audit and Risk Committee had discussed this matter they had decided to ask the Joint Committee to offer this place to cover all party representation. On this basis the Joint Committee decided to defer the decision to the June meeting of the Committee.

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

The meeting terminated at 3:30 PM

NWRWVG Joint Committee June 2014

Signed:



Cllr Evelynne Robinson
Chair