

**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee AGM  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
Strabane District Council Offices**

**Present:**

**Ballymoney Borough Council**  
Councillor Evelyne Robinson (Chair)  
John Dempsey  
John Michael

**Coleraine Borough Council**  
Councillor William King  
Kieran Doherty

**Derry City Council**  
Councillor Shaun Gallagher  
Councillor Colly Kelly  
Jim McGrath  
Phillip Kingston  
Gary Walsh

**Limavady Borough Council**  
Alderman Michael Coyle  
Councillor Jack Rankin  
Martin McNicholl

**Magherafelt District Council**  
Councillor Sean McPeake  
Andrew Cassells

**Moyle District Council**  
Councillor Robert McIlroy  
Aidan McPeake

**Strabane District Council**  
Danny McSorley  
Malcolm Scott

**NWRWMG**  
Eamon Molloy  
Jonathan Gray  
Keith Swerdlick  
Joanne Curran

**Item 1 - Apologies**

The Chair took the apologies and vacated the chair.  
The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor Kate Lagan  
Councillor William Duddy  
Councillor Jay McCauley  
Liam Flanigan  
Roger Wilson

Richard Lewis  
Noel Crawford  
John Kelpie  
Oonagh Warke  
Sharon O'Connor

## Item 2 - Election of the Chair

The Development Officer asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the NWRWMG. Councillor S Gallagher **PROPOSED** and Councillor J Rankin **SECONDED** Councillor Robinson for the Chair. There being no further nominations Councillor Robinson was duly elected.

Councillor Robinson thanked members and said that she very much looked forward to the Committee having another successful year.

## Item 3 - Election of the Vice-Chair

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the NWRWMG. Councillor S Gallagher **PROPOSED** and Councillor J Rankin **SECONDED** Alderman Coyle for the vice-chair. Alderman Coyle was duly elected.

## Item 4 - Appointment of the Clerk of the Committee

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of the Clerk of the Committee of the NWRWMG. Councillor S Gallagher **PROPOSED** and Alderman M Coyle **SECONDED** Mr Molloy be appointed Clerk and this was agreed by the Committee.

## Item 5 - Appointment of the Legal Advisor to the Committee

The Development Officer informed the meeting that it had been agreed at previous AGM to appoint a legal advisor to the Committee and Belfast City Council Legal Services have been fulfilling this role since Mr McMahon DCC moved to another position. He informed members that as Derry City Council have now appointed Mr Kingston as solicitor and the Group should consider reverting to appointing Derry City Council's solicitor as their legal advisor. Councillor J Rankin **PROPOSED** and Councillor S Gallagher **SECONDED** the provision of legal services through Derry City Council.

It was also **PROPOSED** by Councillor S Gallagher and **SECONDED** by J Rankin that Belfast City Council Legal Services continue with matters in hand until dealt with and that Belfast can be used where conflict of interest might arise or additional resource might be needed.

**Item 6 - Election of Audit Committee**

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of the Audit Committee of the NWRWMG. Councillor J Rankin **PROPOSED** and Alderman M Coyle **SECONDED** the re-election of all current members:

Alderman Michael Coyle  
Councillor Shaun Gallagher  
Councillor William King  
Councillor Robert McIlroy

Limavady Borough Council  
Derry City Council  
Coleraine Borough Council  
Moyle District Council

**Item 7 - Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013**

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

The minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were:

**PROPOSED** by Alderman M Coyle and **SECONDED** by Councillor J Rankin

**Item 8- Matter Arising**

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

**Item 9 - Accounts Direction and Presentation of NWRWMG Accounts**

Gary Walsh from Derry City Council took members through the NWRWMG Accounts for the period 2012/2013. Councillor S Gallagher on behalf of the meeting thanked Mr Walsh for his time and effort in the preparation of the accounts and for his clear presentation.

The adoption of the Accounts were **PROPOSED** by Alderman M Coyle and **SECONDED** by Councillor R McIlroy

The Chair and the Clerk signed the accounts.

**Item 10 - Report of Waste Infrastructure Project - Confidential**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor S Gallagher and **SECONDED** by Councillor R McIlroy that this item should be taken into committee.

The Development Officer briefed members on the Waste Infrastructure Project and the status of the MDR contract.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor S Gallagher and **SECONDED** by Councillor R McIlroy that this should be taken out of committee.

**Item 11 - Risk Register**

Mr Gray referred to the Risk Register enclosed.

He informed members that the status of risks and prioritisation of the remaining identified risks remains unchanged since the last review. No further risks have been identified as "closed off".

**Item 12 - Q & A Paper**

The Development Officer informed members that as the group have moved to the preferred bidder stage of the procurement attached for members information is a paper outlining questions pertinent to the project.

**Item 13 - Letters to the Chair**

The Development Officer referred to the attached letters and informed members they were for members' consideration.

Councillor S Gallagher stated that he understands the confidential aspect of the project but viewed his concern that the group's good positive message is not being heard.

The Development Officer informed members that the group are in the process of setting up media briefings now that the preferred bidder stage had been approved by all member councils.

He stated that Stakeholder Communication would be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter and advise.

Alderman M Coyle said that he would welcome input from Stakeholder Communication as there is a lot of frustration within the group.

Members further discussed the letters from Zero Waste North West (Derry) and their request to present to the Group.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor S Gallagher and **SECONDED** by Councillor S McPeake that Zero Waste North West (Derry) be invited to make a presentation at the next Joint Committee Meeting (July).

#### Item 14 - Procurement Activity

Mr Gray took members through the current contracts schedule; the relevant contract expiry dates and the programme of work necessary to ensure new contracts were in place on expiry of the current ones.

He explained the particular urgency in respect of the Interim Residual Waste contract, due to the incumbent having had their license revoked.

He also asked members for approval of £15,000 of expenditure for additional resourcing to help urgently progress the Bio-Waste Tender because of the pressing need to implement food waste and further brown bin schemes by the end of the year.

This was **PROPOSED** by Councillor S Gallagher and **SECONDED** by Alderman M Coyle.

#### Item 15 - Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

The Development Officer presented the Meeting Schedule for 2013/2014 for Members' information.

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Item 16 - A.O.B

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

The meeting terminated at 1.00pm

Signed:   
Cllr Evelyn Robinson  
Chair