

**North West Region Waste Management Group Joint Committee
Monday 27th June 2011
Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney**

Present:

Ballymoney Borough Council
Councillor Evelyne Robinson
John Dempsey

Coleraine Borough Council
Councillor WA King MBE
Jonathan Wilson

Derry City Council
Councillor Shaun Gallagher
Jim McGrath

Limavady Borough Council
Alderman Jack Rankin
Alderman Michael Coyle
Liam Flanigan
Noel Crawford

Magherafelt District Council
Councillor Kate Lagan
Andrew Cassells

Moyle District Council
Councillor Robert McIlroy
Aidan McPeake

Strabane District Council
Councillor Kieran McGuire
Malcolm Scott

NWRWVG
Eamon Molloy
Jonathan Gray
Keith Swerdlick
Joanne Curran

Stakeholder Communications
Brendan Mulgrew

PDSU
Alan McVicker
Ciaran Cunningham

Item 1 - Apologies

The following apologies were recorded:

Councillor Sean McPeake
Councillor Jay McCauley
Councillor W McCandless
Councillor C Cousley
John McLaughlin
Phillip Faithfull

Kieran Doherty
John Michael
John Kelpie
Ms Oonagh Warke

The Chair took the apologies and vacated the chair.

Item 2 - Election of the Chair

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

Councillor Robinson thanked members for the faith they had placed in her 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 Gallagher **PROPOSED** Alderman Coyle and Councillor McGuire **SECONDED** the proposal. Councillor 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 Gallagher **PROPOSED** and Alderman Coyle **SECONDED** that Mr Molloy be appointed Clerk.

Item 5 - Appointment of the Legal Advisor to the Committee

The Chair asked for nominations and Mr Molloy informed the meeting that Mr McMahon, City Secretary and Solicitor, Derry City Council was calling to serve in this position. Councillor Mcllory **PROPOSED** and Alderman Coyle **SECONDED** that this position remained unchanged. The meeting gave its consent that Mr McMahon is appointed Legal Advisor.

Item 6 - Minutes

The Chair reviewed the minutes of the meeting on a page by page basis. The minutes of the meeting of 6th April 2011 were **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mcllory and **SECONDED** by Councillor Gallagher.

Item 7 - Matters arising

The Chair asked members for any matters arising. Councillor Gallagher asked for an update on the DVD and he was informed that this would be covered in Item 12 of the Agenda.

Item 8- Report on the Waste Infrastructure Project - Confidential

The Development Officer updated members on the progress of the Waste Infrastructure Project. He stated that the Invitation to Submit Final Tenders was at an advance stage and both bidders had been engaged in intensive dialogue with the contracting authority.

He added that outstanding issues were being resolved, however, the bidders had raised concern on the guaranteed tonnage issue. The Group had issued a wasteflow model on the basis of 120,000 tonnes, however, as Magherafelt District Council had indicated that it was not guaranteeing nor withdrawing its tonnage bidders had become concerned. He informed the Committee that he had instructed bidders to proceed on the basis of 120,000 and added that a reduction in this amount would make closing a deal difficult. He sought the Committees position to seek to secure the tonnage from other sources.

Councillor Gallagher voiced his concern and acknowledged Magherafelt District Council right to act for their council, however, he stated that all member councils were taking a regional and strategic approach and urged Magherafelt to reconsider their position.

Councillor Lagan explained Magherafelt District Council position and stated that the Council couldn't take a decision until it knew the "price" offered by the contract.

Mr Cassells reiterated Magherafelt's position.

Councillor Robinson stated that she applauded Magherafelt for its work on meeting and exceeding recycling targets. She added that levels of recycling were not consistent throughout all twenty six council areas and this was due to demographics, urban and rural split etc. She noted that Magherafelt had not made its thinking known at Committee and she urged the Council to reconsider its position.

Alderman Coyle said it was important to keep the strategic and long-term nature of the project in mind.

Councillor Gallagher **PROPOSED** and Alderman Coyle **SECONDED** that the Development Officer be mandated to seek to secure tonnages necessary to keep the contract whole.

The Chair asked for a show of hands for those in favour of this proposal, those against and those abstaining:

For	5 votes
Against	0 votes
Abstaining	2 votes

Item 9 - Annual Accounts 2010/2011

The Development Officer presented the financial statement prepared by the City Treasurer's Department Derry City Council for the NWRWMG. He explained that the group had been designated a minor public body and under whole of government accounts was required to submit the financial statements to the department. He referred members to the relevant pages and explained that the statement of income and expenditure was income from member councils and DOE, expenditure covered the operation of the Group and the cost of the infrastructure procurement.

He advised that a full copy is available on request. Councillor Gallagher **PROPOSED** and Councillor McIlroy **SECONDED** the adoption of the financial statements. The Chair subsequently signed the financial statements.

Item 10 - Meeting Timetable

The schedule of meetings was distributed. The Development Officer stated that he was aware of the short period to the next meeting on 6th July but said it was important that the meeting proceed as the Joint Committee had business which must be attended to. The Chair asked members to note future meetings. The schedule was agreed.

Item 11 - Consultation "A New Recycling Policy"

The Development Officer referred members to attached paper which had been submitted on behalf of the group to the consultation on recycling. It had been agreed that a response should be submitted at the meeting of 6th April 2011. He indicated the response reflected the groups position which was in line with the departmental paper. The Chair invited comment and sought some minor clarifications.

Item 12 - A.O.B.


The Development Officer stated that a request had been made to the new minister to launch the DVD prepared by the group as a promotional tool. He added that the group would have to launch the DVD of and when the minister indicates his availability.

The Chair then introduced Mr Mulgrew, Stakeholders Communications and Mr Cunningham, PDSV. Mr Mulgrew commented on the DVD, its potential uses and the quality of the finished product.

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

The meeting terminated at 3.30pm

Signed: 
Cllr Evelyn Robinson
Chair