MID MURRAY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, CAMBRAI, ON THURSDAY 23 JULY 2015

PRESENT
Cr P J Raison, Chairperson, Cr J W Hall, Cr S P Wilkinson, Cr B J Taylor and Cr B P Schmitt.

IN ATTENDANCE
Mr R J Peate, Chief Executive Officer,
Mr G Hill, Director, Infrastructure Services,
Mr N Cook, Waste Management Coordinator,
Mrs C L Budarick, Minute Secretary.

COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME 1-00 P M

APOLOGIES Were received from Mayor Burgess and Robyn Dunstall, Acting Director, Corporate and Financial Services.

211/1 Cr Taylor moved that the apology be received. Seconded S Wilkinson
CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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211/2 Cr Schmitt moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 May 2015 be taken as read and confirmed. Seconded Taylor.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES Nil.

BUSINESS

Financial Report for Waste Management

A copy of the detailed income and expenditure statements for the period to end of June 2015 are attached. It was noted that not all of June invoices may have been processed for the Waste Management costing lines, so these are not necessarily final 2014-15 figures.

211/3 Cr Schmitt moved that the financial reports for Waste Management be received. Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.
REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT  See Minute Book Page 216.

212/1 Cr Hall moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Schmitt.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Environment Protection Authority – Invoice for Landfill Levy

212/2 Cr Hall moved that

(1)  The Environment Protection Authority invoice for landfill levy report be received.

(2)  It be recommended to Council that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Environment Protection Agency highlighting that Mid Murray Council will not pay the waste levy until there is announcement by the State Government on the criteria for the funds to be utilized by local government for waste management initiatives and a copy of the letter be sent to the Local Government Association for their information.

Seconded Cr Schmitt.
CARRIED.

WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT  See Minute Book Pages 217 – 219.

212/3 Cr Hall moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Waste Transfer Station Facilities – Operation on Total Fire Ban (TFB) Day

212/4 Cr Hall moved that

(1)  The report regarding Waste Transfer Station Facilities – Operation on Total Fire Ban Day be received.

(2)  The Waste Management Advisory Committee endorse the proposed changes to operating times of Waste Transfer Station Facilities on Total Fire Ban Days and that the 2015/16 fire danger season be used as a trial period for the changes.

(3)  It be recommended to Council that the changes to operating times of Waste Transfer Station Facilities on Total Fire Ban Days be adopted and that the 2015/16 fire danger season be used as a trial period. Further that the changes be advertised through local newspapers, town magazines, signage, operating fees & times schedule and Council’s website.

(4)  It be noted that the opening of Waste Transfer Stations on Total Fire Ban Days will assist in preventing fires emanating from self combustible waste materials being left on roadsides.

Seconded Cr Taylor.
CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Resource Sharing Opportunities – Discussions with Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority (AHRWMA)

The Waste Management Coordinator further reported on the discussions held with Michael Lorenz from the Adelaide Hills Region Waste Region and advised that Michael Lorenz will be submitting a report for consideration by the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

213/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the correspondence be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

Collection Partner Report


A copy of the report had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Local Government Association of SA

Being Circular No 28.5 – Transition from Zero Waste SA to Green Industries SA

Advising that as from 1 July 2015, following a proclamation under the Public Sector Act 2009, the department that supports Zero Waste SA (the Office of Zero Waste SA) will be known as the Office of Green Industries SA.

A copy of the circular and LGA’s response to Green Industries SA Consultation Paper had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Local Government Association of SA


A copy of the LGA’s response had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Local Government Association of SA

Being Circular No 28.7 – Changes to the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme. Advising that a number of changes have been made to the Changes to the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme including revised collection targets going forward.

A copy of the circular and LGA’s submission to the Operational Review of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.
CORRESPONDENCE CONT’D

The Australian Local Government Yearbook

Being article “Sustainable Waste Practices” from The Australian Local government Yearbook.

A copy of the article had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Murray and Mallee Local Government Association

Being motion from the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Annual General Meeting held on 26 June 2015, concerning the Solid Waste Levy.

A copy of the motion had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Walker Flat & Districts Holiday Homes Association

Being letter seeking a response to a number of waste matters raised at a recent Walker Flat & Districts Holiday Homes Association Committee meeting.

A copy of the letter had been forwarded to all members.

214/1 Resolved that the Waste Management Coordinator sent a response to the Walker Flat and Districts Holiday Homes Association addressing all points in their letter.

Solo Bin Bank Investigation Report

214/2 Resolved that the Waste Management Coordinator write to all Shack Owner Associations and Progress Associations to provide an update on the status of the Report from Solo Resource Recovery regarding the bin bank services investigation.

OTHER BUSINESS

2015 Garage Sale Trail

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the Garage Sale Trail initiative which was raised at the recent National General Assembly and reported to the Council meeting held on 14 July 2015. The following is part of a resolution passed at the Council meeting on 14 July 2015:-

(5) Council note the information on the Garage Sale Trail initiative and it be referred to the Waste Management Advisory Committee to consider participating in the 2015 Garage Sale Trail.

A copy of the information on the Garage Sale Trail which will be held nationally on Saturday 24 October 2015 has been provided to all members.
OTHER BUSINESS

2015 Garage Sale Trail Cont’d

Should Council decide to become a member of Garage Sale Trail the following would be provided:–

- Garage Sale Brand and Trademark
- Starter kit
- Communication assets
- Integration in the Garage Sale Trail website
- Communications campaign
- Localised programs stats
- Human Resources
- Onboarding and debriefing session
- Data base access
- Post event survey and report

Based on the Mid Murray Council’s population, the cost would be $1500 per year plus GST for a 3 year agreement or $3500 plus GST for a one year agreement.

215/1 Cr Hall moved that it be recommended to Council that Council participate in the 2015 Garage Sale Trail and it be referred to the Waste Management Coordinator to coordinate.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING To be held at Cambrai at 1-00 p.m on Thursday 24 September 2015.

1-46 P.M The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE
8. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

8.1 **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT**

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

8.1.1 Environment Protection Authority – Invoice for Landfill Levy

**Report Purpose**

To advise elected members that Council has received EPA’s waste levy of $94,186.80 for the Cambrai landfill. Refer Appendix 8.1.1

**Discussion**

Council has received the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Waste Levy invoice of $94,186.80 for the Cambrai landfill. With the demise of Zero Waste, responsible for distributing the levy collected by the EPA for waste management initiatives throughout the state and the recent announcement that Zero Waste will transform to a new identity called Green Industry SA. At this stage there has been no communication on how the levy will be distributed or even if the levy will be spent on waste management projects by Green Industry SA.

Council has a number of waste management projects budgeted for 2015-16 financial year which will rely on half the funds to come from the levy paid. The amount of funding Council will be seeking is about the amount of the levy invoiced by EPA for this coming financial year. Since it is unclear if or how funding will be provided to the waste industry, it is recommended that the Chief Executive Officer write to the EPA informing that the Mid Murray Council will not be paying the invoice until there has been confirmation that the levy paid by waste authorities will continue to be used for funding waste management initiatives.

**References**

Strategic Plan Reference Infrastructure, Asset and Facility Management
Goal 4.0 – Well managed Council assets provided for the benefit of the overall community.

Budget No cost to Council
Legislation Nil

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

1. The Environment Protection Authority invoice for landfill levy report be received.

2. The Chief Executive Officer write to the Environment Protection Agency highlighting that Mid Murray Council will not pay the waste levy until there is announcement by the State Government on the criteria for the funds to be utilized by local government for waste management initiatives.

3. A copy of the letter be sent to the Local Government Association for their information.

G Hill

**Director, Infrastructure Services**
8.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

8.2.1 Waste Transfer Station Facility – Operation on Total Fire Ban (TFB) Day

Background

At the Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting on 26/3/2015, it was recommended that the current Council Policy of closing all waste transfer station facilities to the public on CFS declared total fire ban days, be reviewed and a report be presented to the Committee.

At the following meeting on 28 May 2015, the Waste Management Coordinator provided a brief report outlining items and issues which would need to be addressed when considering alternatives to the current process.

Summary

Below is an option to consider regarding more efficient waste management operations for those days where the CFS declares a total fire ban (TFB).

A copy of the current Waste Fees and Operating Times schedule is attached.

Refer Appendix 8.2.1

The following option is a simple solution which would have little to no impact on staff rosters but still be able to provide a regular service regardless of weather conditions. It will allow Council to continue to open & operate all transfer stations which are advertised as opening prior to 12 noon on any day. If opening time is scheduled for before 12 noon, it opens regardless of any TFB being declared for the area.

Example 1) Mannum Transfer Station

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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>8:00am - 12:00pm</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>8:00am - 11:30am</td>
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If a TFB day was called on Tuesday or Friday, Mannum would be closed. If it were called on Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday it would be open. There would still be an opportunity to dispose of materials without having to wait long periods. Another thing to consider using the above example is if a TFB is called on Tuesday or Friday there may also be the option of using Tungkillo, Bowhill, Walker Flat on the Thursday if a member of the public feels they cannot wait to dispose of materials and that they must attend a site.

Example 2) Morgan Transfer Station

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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>11:00am - 1:00pm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>2:30pm - 4:30pm</td>
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If a TFB was called on Sunday, Morgan would still open as advertised opening time is before 12 noon.
8.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT CONT’D

8.2.1 Waste Transfer Station Facility – Operation on Total Fire Ban Day Cont’d

Eight of the ten sites have at least one instance of the week when opening time is before 12 noon. This would ensure at least one day of the two would always be open. Again, other facilities can be used if required. The exceptions are Cambrai & Cadell, however, both of these sites are situated close to other facilities which will be open at least once in any given week.

By operating all sites with opening times scheduled prior to 12 noon, far greater access to waste transfer stations during Fire Danger Season will occur.

This solution would be relatively easy to introduce and would have the least amount of disruption and confusion for public users. Advertising would be undertaken through the normal processes and also through minor changes to existing signage advising of fire ban information.

Current time frames would allow for the introduction of the above option to be introduced in time for the 2015/16 fire danger season. A subsequent review would be undertaken at the completion of the 2015/16 fire danger season to gauge the level of success of the changes and also assess any feedback received from customers. The 2015/16 fire danger season would be seen as a ‘trial period’ for the implemented changes.

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) The report regarding Waste Transfer Station Facility – Operation on Total Fire Ban Day be received.

(2) The Waste Management Advisory Committee endorse the proposed changes to operating times of Waste Transfer Station Facility on Total Fire Ban Days and that the 2015/16 fire danger season be used as a trial period for the changes.

(3) It be recommended to Council that the changes to operating times of Waste Transfer Station Facility on Total Fire Ban Days and proposed trial period be adopted and that the changes be advertised through local newspapers, town magazines, signage, operating fees & times schedule and Council’s website.
8.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT CONT’D

8.2.2 Resource Sharing Opportunities – Discussions with Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority (AHRWMA)

**Background**

At the recent Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting on 28 May 2015, Michael Lorenz, Executive Officer, Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority attended the meeting to provide information on the Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority and to discuss resource sharing opportunities with Mid Murray Council.

As a result of those discussions it was resolved that the Chief Executive Officer, the Director, Infrastructure Services, the Chairperson of the Waste Management Advisory Committee and the Waste Management Coordinator meet with AHRWMA and further discuss resource sharing opportunities.

**Summary & Update**

On 13 July 2015, Council met with Michael Lorenz and Leah Maxwell of AHRWMA to further discuss and explore opportunities for resource sharing. Various items were discussed including Council’s kerbside collection, bin banks & rural waste collection services, options to better utilize Cambrai Landfill, waste transfer station operations and the sharing of plant & machinery.

Further meetings will be held with Michael and AHRWMA in the future with the view of exploring and progressing ideas and options for long term waste management strategies.

Committee members will be kept informed of progress.

For members’ information.

Neil Cook

*Waste Management Coordinator*