MID MURRAY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 49 ADELAIDE ROAD, MANNUM, ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT
Cr P J Milsom, Chairperson, Cr J L Howie, Deputy Chairperson and Cr J W Hall.

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

WELCOME 9-30 A M
The Chairman welcomed all present and due to no quorum being present adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes.

PRESENT
Cr P J Milsom, Chairperson, Cr J L Howie, Deputy Chairperson, Cr K B Sayers, Cr J W Hall, and Mayor D J Burgess.

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

COMMENCEMENT 9-59 A M
The Chairperson declared the meeting open.

APOLOGIES Were received from Cr P J Raison, Cr D J Peake, Cr M K Jennings and Mr K L Goldstone and from Cr K B Sayers and Mayor Burgess for late attendance.

130/1 Cr Howie moved that the apologies be received.
Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(Page 124 and Confidential Minutes Page 32 – 28/11/2013)

131/1 Mayor Burgess moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 November 2013 be taken as read and confirmed, subject to “Section 90 (3)(a)” being altered to “Section 90 (3)(k)” in number (1) of resolution number 127/2.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Financial Report for Waste Management

A copy of the detailed income and expenditure statements for the period to end of January 2014 had been provided to all members.

The first report is detailed income and expenditure summary sheets and the second report is income and expenditure breakdown detail.

131/2 Cr Howie moved that the financial report for Waste Management be received.
Seconded Cr Sayers.

CARRIED.

Investigation of Bin Bank Services Throughout the Mid Murray Council Area

The Chief Executive Officer reported the following:-

I have attached copy of previous resolution regarding the appointment of a person to undertake the review of bin bank services throughout the Mid Murray Council area. Copy of brief and proposals received from TJH Management Services Pty Ltd, Robert Fidock, Business Solutions Pty Ltd and Jump Start Marketing and Solo Resource Recovery. David Whitbread did not submit a proposal.

The Chairman of the Waste Management Advisory Committee, Cr Milsom, Director of Infrastructure Services and myself considered the proposals received, based on the selection criteria in the brief. Based on the personnel involved, expertise of personnel involved, cost to undertake the investigation in accordance with the brief and estimated time to undertake the investigation, the panel believed that the best proposal submitted was from Solo Resource Recovery. The panel recognised the potential for the perception of a conflict of interest in Solo Resource Recovery making recommendations regarding waste collection services that may generate further income for their business. This has been highlighted in the letter of appointment and contract.

131/3 Cr Hall moved that the Waste Management Advisory Committee note the appointment of Solo Resource Recovery to undertake the investigation of bin bank services throughout the Mid Murray Council area.
Seconded Cr Sayers.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Rural Boundary Fence, Belvedere Road – Mannum Landfill

132/1 Cr Hall moved that

(1) The report regarding the Belvedere Road – Mannum Landfill replacement fence be received.

(2) The Waste Management Advisory Committee endorse the decision to retain the services of Mallee Fencing Contractors to remove the existing litter fence, supply and construct a new rural fence as quoted on the boundary of Belvedere Road and the Mannum Landfill site.

(3) It be recommended to Council that Mallee Fencing Contractors be retained to undertake the work to remove the existing litter fence, supply and construct a new rural fence as quoted on the boundary of the Belvedere Road - Mannum Landfill site.

(4) Mannum Waters be advised of the proposed fence and their comments be sought concerning the fence.

Seconded Cr Sayers. CARRIED.

Review of Operating Times of Waste Transfer Stations

132/2 Mayor Burgess moved that

(1) The report regarding the Review of Operating Times of Waste Transfer Stations in the Mid Murray Council area be received.

(2) The comments received be forwarded onto Solo Resource Recovery to include in their recommendations when undertaking the investigation of bin bank services throughout the Mid Murray Council area.

Seconded Cr Howie. CARRIED.

DIRECTOR, INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

5 Years Capital Expenditure Program For Waste Management

The 5 Year Capital Expenditure Program for Waste Management was discussed.

132/3 Resolved that the report be received.
OTHER BUSINESS CONT’D

Confidential Item – Groundwater Monitoring Program – Mannum Landfill Site

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

(3)(k) – tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works

10-25 A M
133/1 Cr Sayers moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(k) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mr R S Bourne, Mr G Hill, Mr N Cook and Mrs C L Budarick all other persons present and the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive a report and to consider matters under Section 90 (3)(k).

(2) The Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of the information at the meeting could cause significant damage to the interest of Council, because of the public disclosure or discussion relating to the subject could reasonably be expected to present an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

(3) Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential.

Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.

Refer Confidential Waste Management Co-ordinator’s Report.

10-30 A M
133/2 Cr Hall moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 34 – 36 of the meeting held on 13 February 2014, the Waste Management Co-ordinator’s Report and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(k) remain confidential until a quotation has been accepted.

Seconded Cr Sayers.

CARRIED.

10-31 AM
The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

10-40 AM
The Chairperson resumed the meeting.
GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM – MANNUM LANDFILL SITE

134/1 Cr Howie moved that

(1) The report regarding groundwater monitoring at the Mannum Landfill site be received.

(2) It be recommended to Council that the Chief Executive Officer, Cr Milsom, Chairperson, Waste Management Advisory Committee, Director, Infrastructure Services and Waste Management Coordinator have delegated authority to discuss and select a tender.

Seconded Cr Sayers.  
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

134/2 Cr Howie moved that the correspondence be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.  
CARRIED.

Peter Smith OAM

Being letter of thanks for the works undertaken at the Mannum Landfill Site.

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

Received and noted.

Department of the Environment

Being letter advising Council of it’s obligations in handling end of life refrigerant and air conditioning equipment under the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Legislation.

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

Received and noted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Items for Sale – Waste Transfer Stations

134/3 Cr Hall moved that it be referred to the Waste Management Coordinator to research and prepare a report on consideration of scavenging rights at Waste Transfer Stations.
Seconded Cr Howie.  
CARRIED.

Illegal Dumping

134/4 Resolved that the Waste Management Coordinator provide a report to the next Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting on statistics on the costs to Council to clean up rubbish from around bin bank areas.
NEXT MEETING: To be held at Cambrai at 9-30 a m on Wednesday 16 April 2014.

10-50 A M The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.
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REPORT TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reporting Officer: Neil Cook – Waste Management Coordinator

Report Purpose: Rural Boundary Fence, Belvedere Road – Mannum Landfill

Background

Through previous discussions with the Mannum Waters Development, Council has agreed to remove the existing litter fence constructed on the boundary of Belvedere Road and the former Landfill site at Mannum and replace it with a rural boundary fence (post and wire), similar to other fencing located in the area. The existing litter fence currently comprises used grader blades as posts and light galvanised mesh as a means of litter control and, through its appearance, is seen to be detrimental to the amenity of the area. It is also important that fencing be maintained at the site to prevent vehicles and unauthorised entry to the site.

The area comprises approximately 250 meters of existing litter fence which requires removal and replacement (with rural fence), and a further approximately 50 meters of existing rural fence requiring repairs only.

Quotes for a rural boundary fence have been received from Mallee Fencing Contractors and Mike Mason Fencing Pty Ltd. Quotes also include the removal of the existing litter fence.

Materials include: 100-125 CCA posts, Galv spacers (droppers), 7/90/30 cyclone with 2 x 1.8 H/T barb wire.

Mallee Fencing: $3,575.00 (incl GST)
Mike Mason Fencing: $4,008.50 (incl GST)

Summary

Mallee Fencing Contractors have supplied the lowest price to undertake the work and are on the Mid Murray Council preferred contractors list.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

(1) The report regarding the Belvedere Road – Mannum Landfill replacement fence be received.

(2) The Waste Management Advisory Committee endorse the decision to retain the services of Mallee Fencing Contractors to remove the existing litter fence, supply and construct a new rural fence as quoted on the boundary of Belvedere Road and the Mannum Landfill site.

(3) It be recommended to Council that Mallee Fencing Contractors be retained to undertake the work to remove the existing litter fence, supply and construct a new rural fence as quoted on the boundary of the Belvedere Road - Mannum Landfill site.

Neil Cook
Waste Management Coordinator
MID MURRAY COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reporting Officer: Neil Cook – Waste Management Coordinator

Report Purpose: Review of Operating Times of Waste Transfer Stations

Background

Mid Murray Council recently sought comment and feedback from individuals and community groups in relation to waste transfer station facility operating times. Advertisements seeking comment were placed in local newspapers, community magazines, newsletters and on Council’s website. The closing date for submissions was 29 November 2013.

Summary

Below is a summary of the submissions received by Council:

Results of Public Consultation in Regards to Review of Current Transfer Station Operating Times

13 responses were received from residents who use the transfer station at Walker Flat. The responses included the following comments:

- 1 preference was for Saturday morning
- 5 preferences Saturday afternoon
- 1 preference Sunday morning
- 4 preferences Sunday afternoon
- 1 preference for Saturday or Sunday afternoon
- 1 response was happy with status quo
- 1 preference was for Thursday afternoon
- 4 responses wanted facilities for lawn clippings

1 response was received for the Tungkillo Transfer Station with the preference being for Sunday and not Saturday.

1 response was received for the Bowhill Transfer Station with the preference being that the weekday opening is okay but the late opening time on Sunday is inconvenient.

1 response was received for the Swan Reach Transfer Station with the preference being Sunday afternoon.

- Operating times at Transfer Stations will be an important part of the upcoming Review and Investigation of Bin Bank Facility Services throughout the Council area and the comments and feedback received by Council will be forwarded to the organisation undertaking the review.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the report regarding the Review of Operating Times of Waste Transfer Stations in the Mid Murray Council area be received.

Neil Cook
Waste Management Coordinator
MID MURRAY COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reporting Officer: Greg Hill – Director, Infrastructure Services

Report Purpose

To inform and discuss with Committee Members a proposed 5 Year Capital Expenditure Program for Waste Management.

Introduction/Background

In attending the past 3 Waste Management Committee meetings it has become apparent that there is not a planned Capital Works program in place. Some projects appear to have been decided based on complaints by the public or organisations like the EPA who enforces legislative requirements. It is considered that it would be beneficial to prioritize projects.

Discussion

Attached is the proposed Capital Upgrade program for the next 5 years. The program is divided into 2 parts. The program indicates the expenditure by each asset (e.g. Transfer Stations) and annual expenditure from 2014/15 to 2018/19. At January 2014 there was a balance of $18,483 in Capital expenditure for 2013/15 Financial Budget. Council received notification late in the year of Zero Waste Funding of $90K, which Council needs to match. It appears the match funds for transfer station upgrades was not budgetted in this current financial year. Council has previously determined that Grant Funding application matching funding would not be budgeted, but would be subject to budget review, if successful. The funding is over 18 month period, meaning Councils can budget for next year the remaining portion. This has been taken into account in the proposed expenditure for 2014/15.

It is considered better financial management to plan for operational and capital expenditure. In cases where the EPA or other governing bodies request, suggest or recommend without quoting any applicable legislation, Council has the right not to react to such suggestions. Council can put in place the planning which demonstrates Councils commitments to their suggestions in the longer term. The majority of the suggestions are costly to undertake as projects, and Council has other Asset Groups and Services to provide.

The operating expenditure for this financial year to date appears to be on track for transfer station and day to operations. Invoicing for kerbside collection is also on track until December 2013. The invoicing from the contractor for January has not been received to date; and I am not expecting any surprises that I am aware of.

The balance of funds for Capital Expenditure for this financial year, will be prioritized.

Greg Hill
Director, Infrastructure Services