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 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 D J Burgess, Mr R J Peate, Chief Executive Officer and Mrs R Dunstall, Acting Director, Corporate and Financial Services.

200/1 Cr Taylor moved that the apologies be received. Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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200/2 Cr Hall moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 March 2015 be taken as read and confirmed. Seconded Cr Schmitt. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Salvage Shop – Salvage of Goods at Council Waste Facilities (Transfer Stations & Mannum Resource Recovery Centre)

A copy of the correspondence from Finding Workable Solutions outlining the proposal for hard waste collection was provided to all members.

1-01 P M

Michael Berndt from Finding Workable Solutions attended the meeting to outline their proposal for a Hard Waste Collection Service to the Mid Murray Council Shack Areas.

200/3 Cr Hall moved that it be recommended to Council that Finding Workable Solutions be engaged to provide a trial Hard Waste Collection Service for Mid Murray Council Shack Areas, as outlined in Option 1 of Finding Workable Solutions’ proposal dated 24 March 2015, which includes the provision of an Administrator, at a total cost of $18,031.20 plus GST, with the commencement of the trial to include the October long weekend 2015. Seconded Cr Schmitt. CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES CONT’D

1-18 P M Michael Berndt left the meeting.

Draft State Waste Strategy 2015-2020 Released for Consultation

A copy of the submission sent to Zero Waste SA and the Local Government Association of South Australia was provided to all members.

Noted.

BUSINESS

Financial Report for Waste Management

A copy of the detailed income and expenditure statements for the period to end of April 2015 had been provided to all members.

201/1 Cr Hall moved that the financial reports for Waste Management be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT  See Minute Book Pages 206 – 207.

201/2 Cr Schmitt moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Further Investigations Into Solo Bin Bank Services Investigations

201/3 Cr Taylor moved that the investigations into Solo Bin Bank Services Investigations be received as information to the Committee.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.


201/4 Cr Hall moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Operation of Waste Transfer Station Facilities on CFS Declared Total Fire Ban Days

Further information on the operation of Waste Transfer Station facilities on CFS Declared Total Fire Ban days will be presented to a future meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Committee, allowing for satisfactory time to enable a decision to be made and any changes implemented prior to the 2015/16 fire danger season (expected to commence November 2015).

Waste Transfer Station Facility Gate Fees – 2015/16

202/1 Cr Hall moved that

(1) The report regarding Councils waste transfer station facility gate fees for 20015/16 be received.

(2) The Waste Management Advisory Committee endorse the increase in waste transfer station facility gate fees for 2015/16.

(3) It be recommended to Council that the following proposed increase in waste transfer station facility gate fees for 2015/16 be adopted, effective from 1 July 2015, and that the changes be advertised through local newspapers, town magazines, signage, operating fees & times schedule and Council’s website:-

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Tandem trucks and semi-trailers of mixed waste (Cambrai Landfill only) $110.

Out of hours opening fee – $100 per visit (applicable to general public and contractors).

Seconded Cr Taylor

CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE

203/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the correspondence be received.
Seconded Cr Schmitt.  
CARRIED.

Email from Ian Hunter

Requesting Council to approve and supply four wheelie bins (for rubbish collection) to be placed at Towitta Park on a permanent basis, on behalf on Towitta Park Committee.

The Waste Management Coordinator reported that arrangements have been made to provide the four requested bins.

Correspondence – David Murray

Being letter regarding the location of rubbish bins and various dumping issues at Caurnamont.

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

The Waste Management Coordinator reported that he had met with David Murray and discussed his concerns.

Received and noted.

Emails Concerning Tungkillo Transfer Station

Being emails providing an update on current works and querying if any funding was available.

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

Received and noted.

Golder Associates

Being Monitoring Recommendations – March 2015 Monitoring Round for Mannum Landfill, Lot 10 Belvedere Road, Mannum, South Australia.

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

Received and noted.

Lyn Raggatt, Secretary, Pelican Point Association

Being email regarding dumping issues at the Pelican Point bin bank.

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

203/2 Cr Taylor moved that, at this stage, the request for a recycle bin at the Pelican Point shack area be denied as cardboard and other recyclable materials are currently free to deposit at all transfer stations and there is also a high risk of product contamination at bin bank facilities.
Seconded Cr Schmitt.
CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE CONT’D

Email from Mal Taylor

Request for the township recycling service in Keyneton be extended to Ram’s Head Corner.

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

Received and noted.

South Australia 2015 Waste Summit

Being draft Waste Summit 2015 summary report.

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

Received and noted.

Bin Bank Review – Scotts Creek Association

Being emails regarding various issues relating to rubbish and collection at Scotts Creek.

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

Received and noted.

RESOURCE SHARING OPPORTUNITIES – CAMBRAI LANDFILL FACILITY

2-03 P M
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.

204/1 Resolved that Cr Raison, Chairperson of the Waste Management Advisory Committee, the Chief Executive Officer, Director, Infrastructure Services, Waste Management Coordinator and Michael Lorenz, Executive Officer Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority meet and further discuss Resource Sharing opportunities and a report be submitted to the next Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting.

3-29 P M Cr Wilkinson left meeting

3-30 P M Michael Lorenz left the Meeting.
OTHER BUSINESS

The Waste Management Coordinator reported on the following matters:-

- Correspondence from the River Cove Progress Association concerning their Bin Bank and illegal dumping

- Request for regular bin bank collection at Sedan Recreation Park. Waste Management Coordinator to liaise with Cr Jennings for the bins to be provided

3-32 P M Cr Wilkinson returned to the meeting

- The Waste Management Coordinator advised members that they may receive feedback from the public as two Mobile Garbage Bins have been removed from Christian Reserve

NEXT MEETING To be held at Cambrai at 1-00 p.m on Thursday 23 July 2015.

3-34 P M The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.
8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

8.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

Cr [name] moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr [name]

8.1.1 Further Investigations Into Solo Bin Bank Services Investigations

Report Purpose

Provide a brief report to the Waste Committee on where staff is at with further investigations regarding Solo’s Bin Bank Report, Rural Collection, and Management of Transfer Stations.

Discussion/Conclusion

The Waste Coordinator and myself are currently analysing the Solo’s Bin Bank Services report which was done in 2014 and looking at other waste services and operations that Council is undertaking at present. We are looking at Waste Management with the view of providing a better service to the community, reducing the number of complaints received for illegal dumping of waste and improving efficiencies at bin banks and other operations. At this stage we have analysed and made the following preliminary conclusions:

Bin Banks

- Reduce the number of individual bin banks and consolidate into one large bin bank where the area can be fenced off, secured to stop waste escaping or vermin getting into waste, minimise illegal dumping by restricting opportunities to dump, install regulatory signage and surveillance.
- In some cases enforce the relocation of bin banks into an area which is under the care and control of Shack Owners Associations.
- Locate bin banks to areas out of the river flood plain and away from housing to improve the aesthetics of the river area.

Rural Pick Up Collection

- Provide a rural waste collection along major roads, being either sealed or unsealed. Routes for rural collection will encompass properties 5-10km radius from where MGB’s can be delivered to the side of the road along the route or at a collection point.
- Provide a waste pick up service for all shack areas - if resisted by a group in having a collection service, relocate bin bank onto their property making it their responsibility to maintain the surroundings.
- Abolish token cards for all rural properties with the exception of properties 5-10km from a collection route.
- The consideration of recycling pick up of household items for shack areas and townships.

Transfer Station

- If a rural collection is implemented it is more likely that a majority of transfer station operating days can be reduced. As an example, all transfer stations with the exception of Mannum, Cambrai and Morgan to open only on weekends and extended opening times to cater for holiday homes.
8.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

8.1.1 Further Investigations Into Solo Bin Bank Services Investigations Cont’d

Overall there will be just not one solution that will cater for everyone’s needs. We can foresee in some places bin banks can be removed and collection services implemented, relocate bin banks into shack areas and have the surrounding area managed by the Association. Rural collection will not be required by some farming communities, however others will want a putrescible and recycling collection.

The overall financial cost and if there is any cost benefit has not yet been worked out. Things to be taken into consideration are the number of MGB’s for rural collection and the cost for servicing them. Consolidating and upgrading bin bank surrounds, estimates indicate a cost of about $15-20k/site. Reducing the days/hours of operations at each Transfer Station would offset the rural and shack areas collection expense. The possibility of introducing a recycling collection into rural and shack areas. If Council elects to implement a waste management strategy across the entire Council by implementing collection services in the rural and partly in the shack areas, a waste levy could be introduced across all properties to assist with financing the service. This would need to be considered with our existing rating system.

Timing and implementation would be impracticable to implement at one given time and would likely have to be staged by areas or by service at a given time. Also this would help to manage the cost in rolling out such a program.

Overall these are proposals that we are currently investigating and will need to take into consideration other options of different services or by aligning ourselves into a regional approach either with an existing or creating another regional authority group. Again, we should consider the risks and financial implications and plan how we are going to implement the service. A more detailed verbal brief will be provided at the meeting.

References

Strategic Plan Reference Natural & Built Environment
Goal 1.8 – Implement a waste management strategy that reduces the volume of waste going to landfill.

Budget No impact
Legislation No applicable

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the investigations into Solo Bin Bank Services Investigations be received as information to the Committee.

G Hill
Director, Infrastructure Services
8.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

8.2.1 Operation of Waste Transfer Station Facilities on CFS Declared Total Fire Ban Days

**Background**

Mid Murray Council currently works under the policy that all waste transfer station facilities will be closed on days when the Country Fire Service (CFS) declare a total fire ban for either the Murraylands or Riverland fire danger districts. This policy has been in force for many years. The introduction of the policy assisted to prevent fires emanating from waste which was previously placed on the ground (former landfill sites) at the facilities and has also been a valuable tool in regard to the Work Health & Safety (WHS) of staff operating the facilities.

**Summary**

Given that the waste facilities have now been converted to transfer stations and general household waste is no longer placed on the ground, it has been suggested that Council now consider a review of the policy regarding closures on CFS declared total fire ban days.

Before a decision can be made whether or not to open facilities to the public on CFS declared total fire ban days or have them remain closed, several areas should be considered and thoroughly investigated including:

Undertake the following:
- WHS risk assessment
- Enterprise (Council) risk assessment, incorporating;
  - Financial
  - Environment
  - Political
  - People – public & staff

Relevant additional information would include:
- How many total fire ban days have been declared by CFS in recent fire danger seasons?
- Does Mid Murray Council have adequate facilities to provide for staff in extreme/inclement weather conditions (including extended periods)?
- How do other Council’s who operate waste facilities on total fire ban days manage staff & public?
- Compliance with Council’s Inclement Weather Policy & Enterprise Bargaining Agreement?
- Do attendances at facilities on inclement/extreme weather days warrant opening to the public?
- Amount of complaints received due to facilities not open?
- Other options?

The above information is currently being sourced and will be presented to a future meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Committee, allowing for satisfactory time to enable a decision to be made and any changes implemented prior to the 2015/16 fire danger season (expected to commence November 2015).
8.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT CONT’D

8.2.2 Waste Transfer Station Facility Gate Fees – 2015/16

**Background**

Every Tonne of waste that goes into landfill attracts the Solid Waste Levy, set and imposed by the State Government, collected by Councils and paid directly to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

On July 1 2015, the Solid Waste Levy will be increased by a further $2.50 per Tonne. The increase will bring the Levy to $28.50 per Tonne (Regional Rate).

Due to the increase in the Solid Waste Levy, Council will need to adjust gate fees to cater for the increase.

**Table 1. Current 2014/15 Gate Fees:**

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8.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT CONT’D

8.2.2 Waste Transfer Station Facility Gate Fees – 2015/16 cont’d

Table 2. Proposed 2015/16 Gate Fees:

Prices to be effective from July 1 2015

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In order to ensure ease of transactions for both customers and operators, prices are rounded to 0 or 5.

Tandem truck and semi-trailer loads of mixed waste will also have the fee increased from $100 per tonne to $110 per tonne. There has been no change in Green Waste fees.

The new Waste Fees & Operating Times schedule will also include reference to out of hours opening fee of $100 per visit so that both the public and contractors are aware of the charge.

Refer Appendix 8.2.2

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that
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Neil Cook
Waste Management Coordinator