# Minutes of the Northern Midlands Recycling Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 June 2022 commencing at 4.00pm

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1 PRESENT

Cr. Ian Goninon (IG) - Chairperson

Owen Diefenbach (OD)

Rex Heathcote (RH)

Roderick Cuthbert (RC)

Community Representative

Community Representative

Community Representative

Jonathan Galbraith (JG) Engineering Officer

# 2 IN ATTENDANCE

Daniel Stearnes (DS)

Trainee Engineering Officer

Lorraine Wyatt (LW)

Executive & Communications Officer

# 3 APOLOGIES

Leanne Sherriff (LS) Community Representative

# 4 ABSENT

Cr. Matthew Brooks (MB)

Maria Lawson (ML)

Sarah Benson (SB)

Council Representative

Community Representative

Community Representative

# 5 DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, a member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive, or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

# **<u>6</u> <u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u>**

# Recommendation

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Recycling Committee held on **Tuesday 20 June 2022** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Proposed RH seconded RC that the minutes be accepted

The meeting was not able to achieve a quorum to confirm the minutes.

#### **7** BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

## 7.1 Develop program for use of recycling trailer

Has there been any progress in developing a program for the trailer? Suggested locations:

- Longford, Perth, Evandale schools
- Is Owen able to organise a schedule for Campbell Town, Ross and possibly Avoca?
- Functions where the trailer can be supervised or locked away.
- IGA, Nutrien, Southern Farming systems (Longford)

It was agreed that an education campaign was required to communicate the existence of the trailer and increase usage.

# Action(s):

- <u>1</u> Liaise with Tourism an Events Officer about usage at events and shows
- <u>2</u> Committee members to send suggestions for possible locations to JG / DS.
- 3 A list of contacts / locations to be included with future agendas
- 4 JG to follow-up on whether trailer can be put out the front of the Council Chambers
- 5 IG organise use at Evandale Market

#### 7.2 Single use plastics policy

Policy to be considered by Council. To be taken to a future workshop.

#### 7.3 Volunteer induction – LS has not done an induction.

Leanne Sheriff needs to complete her induction before participation at the next meeting.

# 7.4 Recycling Committee Addition to Budget

A budget request of \$15000 was made for the recycling committee. The 2022/2023 budget will be presented to council on Monday 27 July for adoption.

#### 7.5 Drinking Fountains

Discuss with TAS Water as to what they can do in supplying water drinking fountains to refill water containers thus eliminating throw away plastic water bottles

LW advised that council was approached by TasWater in the past month as they had small grants of \$10k to be spent on water drinking fountain. Council accepted the offer and will be in stalling a cobranded fountain at the front of Valentine's Park in Campbell Town where is can be used by locals and visitors alike.

The unit being installed is manufactured by MeetPAT (brochures attached) and will include the drinking arm and carbon filters.

Plumbing quotes are currently being sought for installation.

#### 7.6 Doggie Bags

Recyclable bags for dog owners to collect their droppings as Hobart Council has Implemented

Current doggie bags biodegradable so will breakdown in landfill.

Some Councils are using compostable bags but these need to go in FOGO and NMC do not currently have a FOGO collection.

No further action at this time

#### 6 AGENDA

#### 8.2 Gift voucher for recycling trailer

We received a \$250 Australia Post gift voucher for the award we won for the recycling trailer. Does the group have any suggestions for how this can be spent?

Members discussed a number of Ongoing discussion on use of voucher

#### Action:

Engineering Officer to check expiry date on the gift voucher

#### **NEW ITEMS**

#### 9.1 Lorraine Wyatt to attend meeting

Executive and Communications Officer, Lorraine Wyatt was in attendance and continued to record the meeting minutes after Johnathon and Daniel left the meeting at 4.25pm.

#### 9.2 New Committee Member/s

Rex has resigned from the committee, an add requesting applications for new members has been prepared for the Facebook page and the country courier.

Advertisements have been placed in the northern Midlands Courier and on Facebook for new members of the Recycling Committee

#### Action:

Engineering Officer to clarify all memberships and advise accordingly.

#### 9.3 Plasrock advancements in Queensland

No further action

#### 9.4 Recycling Shed Finance

Members enquired about the effectiveness the new Longford recycling shed and if it has resulted in less recyclable material going to landfill?

# Action:

Engineering Officer to follow up and report to the next committee meeting.

#### **8** PRIORITY IDEAS LIST

#### 10.1 FOGO collection for businesses

Tenders are being presented the 27 June 2022 council meeting for consideration. The direction of this item is dependent on the outcome of the council decision.

If the tender is awarded, an education campaign has already been discussed with the Executive & Communications who is researching available resources for future discussions.

#### 10.2 Recycling Fridge Magnet

Launceston Council have a good fridge magnet which shows how products can be recycled. Possible outlook of incorporating our magnets into the same stock as Launceston Council for a possible cheaper option. Look into whether this can be sent out with the next rates notices. – committee noted information, perhaps to be considered with next year's rates mail out.

The committee was advised there are several resources available and that it is just a matter of deciding what is required and what the budget allocation is for promotional materials.

### 9 FUTURE IDEAS LIST

- 9.1 Updates to recycling information sent out with rates (see 9.2)
- 9.2 Recycling at sports clubs
- 9.3 Recycling bins at Council Park & Reserves
- 9.4 Labelling of clothing for businesses
- 9.5 Using tyres in asphalt

Committee members held general discussions about the above items.

# 10 CLOSURE

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and input and closed the meeting at 4.45pm.