Minutes of the Northern Midlands Recycling Committee meeting held Tuesday 30 August 2022 commencing at 4.00pm

Minutes

1 ATTENDANCE

Present: Cr. Ian Goninon (IG) Mayor Mary Knowles (MK)

Rodrick Heathcote (RH)

Lisa Banfield (LB)

Owen Diefenbach (OD)

Jonathan Galbraith (JG)

Daniel Stearnes (DS)

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Absent:

Sarah Benson (SB)

2 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.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Recycling Committee held on **Tuesday 26 July 2022** be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings. Proposed RH seconded RC that the minutes be accepted

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 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?
- Evandale Market
- Functions where the trailer can be supervised or locked away.
- IGA, Nutrien, Southern Farming systems (Longford)
- Out front of Council Chambers

Action: IG to organise special meeting to discuss/develop program

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

Action: JG / DS to draft letter for local businesses and schools who may be interested to host the trailer. JG to provide letter to Ian.

4.2 Single use plastics policy

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

Action JG to discuss with Gail / Des

JG contact Jess for insight into Launceston City Council's (LCC) policy

4.3 Volunteer induction – LS has not done an induction.

Some members have not completed the online induction before participation at the next meeting.

Action: DS/JG to provide link for committee members (Lisa, Owen & Mayor Mary Knowles)

4.4 Canvas Bin Covers

Investigations of a possible supply of canvas bin covers. These covers will be used at events to label bins as either waste or recycling.

Action: JG / DS to investigate covers for bins. May need to purchase online.

5 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Welcome new committee member

Council has appointed Lisa Banfield to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Action: JG contact Lorraine Wyatt about advertisement of further members

6 IDEAS

6.1 - Priority Ideas

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.

Action: JG/DS find cost of magnets

6.2 - Future Ideas

- 1. Updates to recycling information sent out with rates (see 9.2)
- 2. Recycling at sports clubs Action: on hold
- 3. Recycling bins at Council Park & Reserves *JG talk to Leigh McCallugh (Works Manager)* about recycling collection vehicle/compartment
- 4. Labelling of clothing for businesses Action: on hold
- 5. Using tyres in asphalt
- 6. Compostable Doggie Bags Require FOGO collection
- 7. Plasrock advancements in Queensland Action: On hold
- 8. Consider education/community workshop prior to the introduction of FOGO collection
- 9. Improve Councils internal waste & recycling habits:
 - i. Replace plastic bottles
- 10. Recycling Apps Action: LM investigate further into 'recycle mate' & possibly 'recycle coach' apps to discuss its potential at next meeting.

7 CLOSURE

Chairperson closed meeting at: 4:52pm 30th August

Next meeting: 4:00pm Tuesday 27th September