

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE

Held in the No 3 Committee Room, Civic Offices
on Monday 12 February 2007 at 10.30am

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council) (Chairperson),
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council),
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council),
Councillor Ross Little (Environment Canterbury),
Councillor Lindsay Philips (Selwyn District Council),
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council),
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council), and
Councillor Judy Waters (Environment Canterbury)

IN ATTENDANCE: Zefanja Potgieter (Christchurch City Council),
Simon Collin (Christchurch City Council),
Mark Christison (Christchurch City Council),
Brian Lester (Ashburton District Council),
Kitty Waghorn (Waimakariri District Council),
Don Young (Waimakariri District Council),
Diane Shelander (Christchurch City Council),
Brian Gallagher (Timaru District Council),
Kevin Crutchley (Christchurch City Council),
Brian Purcell (Waimate District Council),
John McGartland (McKenzie District Council),
Darren Patterson (Environment Canterbury),
Dave Hock (Selwyn District Council), and
Kevin Roche (Secretary, Christchurch City Council).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Councillor James Gibson (Waimate District Council),
Mayor Kevin Hays (Kaikoura District Council),
Stuart Grant (Kaikoura District Council),
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council),
Councillor Dave Pullen (McKenzie District Council),
Councillor Sue Wells (Christchurch City Council), and
Bruce Yates (Hurunui District Council).
An apology for early retirement was received from
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council).

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 13 NOVEMBER 2006

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee meeting of 13 November 2006 be confirmed.

2. **REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report providing an update on projects approved for the 2006/07 financial year and the opportunity was taken to review these in detail as per the schedule attached to the report.

In respect to project 5.21 and 5.22, relating to compost product development and marketing, Mr Brian Gallagher reported that the issue with this project would not be so much one of “fertiliser yield” but more the possibility of compost addition being able to shorten the cycle of crop rotation.

In respect to project 5.5.1 “REBRI and C&D Industry Guidelines”, Mr Lester reported on what his Council had undertaken with respect to a subdivision in its area.

It was requested that if staff members had any projects in their district then they should advise Diane Shelander at the Christchurch City Council.

It was **resolved**:

1. That the information be received.
2. That \$8,000 be reallocated from the “Timber-2-Energy” project (5.4.1) to the “REBRI” project (5.4.2).

3. **2007 MEETING DATES**

The Committee considered a schedule of proposed meeting dates for the 2007 year and **resolved** to adopt the following meeting dates for 2007:

16 April 2007
11 June 2007
13 August 2007
8 October 2007
10 December 2007

with the following additional dates set aside if required for additional meetings:

14 May 2007
9 July 2007
10 September 2007

It was agreed that meetings would normally convene at 10.30am unless otherwise decided.

4. **CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT PROVISION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES**

The Committee considered a legal opinion from Judith Cheyne, Solicitor, Christchurch City Council, on an issue raised by the Timaru District Council concerning Clause 11 of the proposed constituting agreement for the Joint Committee, relating to the appointment of alternates.

The Committee members took the opportunity to discuss the report and legal opinion and the consensus opinion was that option 3 from the report was the preferred alternative and that any action to amend the agreement be delayed until the next review/amendment of the agreement is to occur. The Committee suggested in addition that the issues in the report relating to the use of alternates could be raised at a Local Government New Zealand Zone meeting and it was noted that a similar report should be taken to the meeting of the Canterbury Regional Landfill Committee regarding the use of alternates.

5. **INFORMATION SHARING**

The opportunity was taken for members of staff present to share information and topics raised were as follows:

- Selwyn District Council – Councillor Lindsay Philps

Councillor Philps reported that their new waste transfer depot was operating satisfactorily. It was noted that waste quantities had increased more than was anticipated, probably as a consequence of new building developments especially in the Rolleston area with skips of building material now going to Rolleston rather than to Christchurch.

- Hurunui District Council – Mayor Gary Jackson

No report.

- Environment Canterbury – Darren Patterson

Mr Patterson reported that their waste report should be completed in the next couple of weeks and that they had now appointed a Regional Hazardous Waste Officer. The agricultural chemical collection would be starting next week in Waimakariri, which is one of four districts involved, and while the Ministry for the Environment had not provided funding in the current year they had indicated that they would provide funding for the subsequent two financial years.

- Timaru District Council – Brian Gallagher

Mr Gallagher provided an update on their wheelie bin collection system and the extent to which this was being utilised. His district had experienced a spike of 30%-40% in increased waste disposable in the Christmas period but this had now returned to normal. The current diversion rate from kerbside collection to recycling was 72%.

- Waimate District Council - Brian Purcell

Waimate was now in its second year of kerbside recycling and volumes were up 45% from the previous year with a reduction in waste to landfill by 18%. They are currently looking at options for organics.

- McKenzie District Council – John McGartland

Mr McGartland reported that this was the end of the busy season for recycling with holiday makers providing a large amount of material for recycling and rates almost double what they would normally be. Production of compost had now become established, but it had taken some five years to do so, and the primary market is for home gardens.

- Waimakariri District Council – Kitty Waghorn

Ms Waghorn reported that they were collecting more recycling and while the total tonnages of waste were up a small amount this had now evened out. Her Council was about to review its solid waste management plan with consultation in the middle of 2007.

- Ashburton District Council – Councillor Tasker

Councillor Tasker reported that waste to landfill was falling and that while total waste volumes had slightly increased residual waste volumes were down.

- Christchurch City Council Resource Efficiency Team – Kevin Crutchley

Mr Crutchley provided a briefing to the meeting on the work being undertaken by the team especially in relation to the REBRI programme. Diane Shelander and Kevin also spoke regarding the “Enviro Smart” programme and it was agreed that this should be reported back further to the meeting of the Committee on 16 April.

Ms Shelander advised that the TV3 programme titled “Wasted” would be starting shortly at 8.30pm and would deal with the topic of rubbish together with water and energy efficiency.

It was noted that the producer of the show was also developing a website and that “Enviro Schools” was also working with them.

- Environment Canterbury – Councillor Ross Little

Councillor Little raised the issue of glass and the use of this for roading material and Mr Collin undertook to report back further on this to the next meeting.

Mr Young asked staff who may have had experience in respect to the setting of conditions on subdivisions relating to waste separation and recovery through the resource consent process to contact him via email with their experiences. It was advised that Christchurch City Council staff had previously investigated this option but it had been non-productive.

Mr Lester advised that the Minister for “Building Issues” would be visiting Ashburton in the near future in connection with the opening of their new subdivision which had a show home and he undertook to discuss this issue with him.

The option of investigating whether it would be possible to include some rules or policies within City and District Plans relating to waste separation and recovery in subdivisions was discussed. It was suggested that this could be investigated as a project for next years implementation plan.

A Committee discussion therefore **resolved** to recommend to staff that a project to investigate/develop changes to City and District plans to support waste management/resource management issues at the subdivision and building consent stages be included in the 2007/08 implementation plan.

Councillor Judy Waters also asked for a report to come back to the next meeting on the waste exchange and how its working and it was agreed that TeraNova would be asked to send a representative to the April meeting to discuss this.

The meeting concluded at 11.45am