

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

**Held in the No 3 Committee Room, Civic Offices**  
**on Monday 16 April 2007 at 10.30am**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council) (Chairperson),  
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council),  
Councillor Lindsay Philps (Selwyn District Council),  
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council),  
Councillor Sue Wells (Christchurch City Council),  
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council),  
Councillor Ross Little (Environment Canterbury),  
Councillor Judy Waters (Environment Canterbury) and  
Councillor Winton Dally (Hurunui District Council).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Zefanja Potgieter (Christchurch City Council),  
Simon Collin (Christchurch City Council),  
Mark Christison (Christchurch City Council),  
Jane Parfitt (Christchurch City Council),  
Richard Lloyd (Terra Nova)  
Nicole Sheriff (Kaikoura District Council)  
Kevin Crutchley (Christchurch City Council),  
Brian Gallagher (Timaru District Council),  
Diane Shelander (Christchurch City Council), and  
Sarah Tammik (Environment Canterbury).

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:  
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council),  
Councillor James Gibson (Waimate District Council),  
Councillor Dave Pullen (McKenzie District Council),  
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council), and  
Darren Patterson (Environment Canterbury).

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 FEBRUARY 2007**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee meeting of 12 February 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Ross Little further briefed the Committee regarding the agricultural collection. This issue had been discussed at the Hazardous Waste Committee and had received media publicity as a consequence. A commitment for funding from the Ministry for the Environment had now been obtained for later years.

### 3. ORAL PRESENTATION - ENVIROSMART

Kevin Crutchley (Christchurch City Council) provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Envirosmart programme covering:

- The objectives of the programme
- The support package
- Actual case studies
- Benefits
- Participants and the programme

The opportunity was then taken for questions and discussion and Kevin advised that a contract was held with Landcare Research and the territorial local authorities involved paid \$1,300 per business with further contributions from Environment Canterbury of \$600, and the Ministry for the Environment \$400. The cost to a business was around \$3,800. A minimum of five businesses per region was required to start the programme.

### 4. ORAL PRESENTATION – WASTE EXCHANGE AND GLASS RECYCLING

Mr Richard Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer, Terra Nova, spoke regarding glass recycling issues and provided an update on the waste exchange and tabled a handout providing information on the above topics to members. He advised that one of the issues was that OI in Auckland only had two furnaces and hence could only process two glass colours. Plans had been for an additional furnace to have commenced by the end of 2007, but this was now on indefinite hold. As a consequence Terra Nova had been looking at new markets with prospects in Adelaide and it might be viable to send glass to this location. The opportunity was taken for questions and discussion following Mr Lloyd's presentation in respect of glass and members sought an update in respect to "glass tiles".

In respect of the waste exchange, Mr Lloyd advised that there were now some 3,000 businesses involved, an increase of almost double from the previous year. In response to a question, it was advised that this was a free exchange service and that details of this material would be sent to members by Kevin Crutchley.

In addition it was noted that Environment Canterbury had an in-house bulletin board with details of surplus waste products. Environment Canterbury were currently funding eight exchanges.

Councillor Dally asked regarding the possibility of a co-operative regional approach to the disposal of glass and it was noted that Transit NZ had now agreed to the use of glass in motorway construction which would allow a small percentage (5%) to be mixed with basecourse material.

The possibility of a South Island strategy for glass recycling was raised and Mr Lloyd indicated that he would be prepared to bring something back to the Joint Committee at a later date. He also noted that he expected that OI might withdraw from glass recycling within the next two years.

The Committee **resolved** that staff of the member Councils work with interested parties to undertake a study on glass recycling on a South Island-wide basis and report back to the Joint Committee.

## **5. PLASTIC BAG FREE KAIKOURA**

The Committee considered a report from Nicole Sheriff (Environmental Development Officer, Kaikoura District Council) seeking funding for the introduction of a plastic bag free trial in the Kaikoura District.

Introduction of a trial programme in this district would provide information to enable other districts to implement similar initiatives.

The implementation plan involved purchase of cloth bags to be distributed and sold as an alternative to plastic bags, education awareness programmes in schools, communities and businesses and promotion of funding providers.

The total estimated cost of the trial was \$21,000 and funding to date of \$7,500 had been provided by the Zero Waste Trust NZ and the Kaikoura District Council.

The Committee discussed the request and the extent to which the business community in Kaikoura had indicated support for this.

It was noted that the trial would be of interest to Christchurch City in respect of the future removal of plastic bags from the organic waste stream.

Members indicated support for the project on a trial basis and the Committee **resolved** to provide \$5,000 from the 2006/07 contingency fund for project start up for the “Plastic Bag Free Kaikoura Trial” and requested that a report back be provided at the next meeting.

## **6. CANTERBURY REGION WASTE DATA – REPORT ON ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY**

Sarah Tammik, Environment Canterbury, attended and spoke to the report on the Canterbury Region Waste Data for the period 2001-2006. A handout providing information in this period was tabled and discussed in association with a PowerPoint presentation.

In respect to the information on the Timaru District Council area, statistics on waste disposal were expected to alter significantly with introduction of a three wheelee bin collection service and this should result in a significant increase in the amount of material collected for recycling.

The opportunity was taken for questions and discussion at the conclusion of the presentation.

## **7. INFORMATION SHARING**

In view of time constraints, this item was carried forward to the next meeting,. However, Brian Gallagher (Timaru District Council) reported briefly on the progress on compost trials.

The Committee was advised that the application by Trans Pacific Industries for purchase of the assets of Envirowaste SI Ltd was still being considered by the Commerce Commission and there had been some further delay to this.

The meeting concluded at 12.35pm