

2. MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2008

**Held in Committee Room 3, Civic Offices,
on Monday 10 November 2008 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck (Chairperson) (Christchurch City Council)
Councillor John Ransley (Kaikoura District Council)
Councillor Ross Little (Environment Canterbury)
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council)
Councillor Lindsay Philips (Selwyn District Council)
Councillor Dave Pullen (Mackenzie District Council)
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council)
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council)
Councillor Mike Wall (Christchurch City Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: Sian Carvell (Environment Canterbury)
Mark Christison (Christchurch City Council)
Kevin Crutchley (Christchurch City Council)
Dave Hock (Selwyn District Council)
John McGartland (Mackenzie District Council)
Darren Patterson (Environment Canterbury)
Zefanja Potgieter (Christchurch City Council)
Kitty Waghorn (Waimakariri District Council)
Sean Rainey (Christchurch City Council)

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council), Councillors Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council), Matt Henderson (Waimate District Council), Pat Harrow (Environment Canterbury), Simon Collin (Christchurch City Council), and Brian Purcell (Waimate District Council).

Councillor Mike Wall was absent from 10.27–10.59am and from 11.12–11.35 am, and was absent for part of items 5 and 6.

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 JULY 2008

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee meeting of 14 July 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**2. UPDATE REPORT ON INTERACTIVE RESOURCE KIT FOR SCHOOLS
(9.34 am)**

Sian Carvell (Environment Canterbury) provided a presentation on the interactive resource kit for schools (Tip the Balance). The programme is currently funded for 15 classes per annum, and provides the resource kit to these schools. The Committee's consent was requested to spend the \$1,000 already allocated on marketing the kit to all primary and intermediate schools in Canterbury, with evaluation of the programme to be applied for in due course.. Feedback from schools has been positive, and the Committee indicated its support for the initiative.

The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the pre-approved \$1,000 be used to promote the resource kit to all schools in Canterbury.

3. HAZARDOUS WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

(9.45 am)

Councillor Ross Little provided a report to the Committee on the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee's 8 September 2008 meeting. The Subcommittee provided the Committee with a revised Terms of Reference for the former and information it considered at the above meeting.

The Committee discussed the use of alternates at Subcommittee meetings.

The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) That the report of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee meeting held on 8 September 2008 be received.
- (b) That the appointment of alternates be rejected and that the Chairperson of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee write to member councils inviting any Councillors to be present at meetings without voting rights.
- (c) That the revised Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee, including the provision that the chair of the Subcommittee be a regional councillor, be adopted.

The Committee **noted** that:

- (a) The Hazardous Waste Subcommittee would report back to the Subcommittee on its meetings
- (b) Staff would notify the Committee when the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee is meeting in forthcoming agendas.

4. PRESENTATION BY SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES FUND TRUST

(10.17 am)

The Committee received a presentation from Arthur Williamson of the Sustainable Initiatives Trust Fund (SIFT). Points covered included:

- SIFT current funding model (approximately \$3.0 million), will hopefully evolve over the next 18 months to benefit from the national waste minimisation levy.
- Current initiatives include the use of brown glass for reflective mulch, recyclable nappies, and investigation into tire recycling.

The Committee **noted**:

- (a) Its thanks to Mr Williamson.
- (b) That it would be useful if SIFT could provide the Committee with annual updates on its initiatives.
- (c) That SIFT would circulate information on recycled products to members of the Committee.

5. UPDATE ON WASTE MINIMISATION ACT 2008

(10.29 am)

The Committee received an update report the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. Points discussed included:

Current levy funds do not accrue interest.

There is no territorial local authority representation on the Waste Advisory Board.

There should be a cap on administration costs.

That the production of guidelines be expedited.

The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) That the report be received and noted.
- (b) That a letter be prepared by staff to the Ministry for the Environment regarding the following:
 - (i) Interest should accrue to all funds collected under the Act.
 - (ii) A cap be set on the cost of the administration of the fund.
 - (iii) That a Territorial Local Authority representative be appointed to the Board.
 - (iv) That guidelines be provided to Territorial Local Authorities urgently to enable funds to be applied for from 1 July 2009.
- (c) That, should the Ministry for the Environment request feedback on potential priority products or other issues mentioned in paragraph 45 of the report, staff be requested to prepare a coordinated reply on behalf of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.

6. FURTHER ISSUES

(11.10 am)

The following issues were raised from the member councils:

Ashburton District Council

Local recovery plant was damaged by fire – contained without toxic spread.

Waimakariri District Council

Recycling wheelie bins have been agreed for use in the District.
Green waste discussions have been taking place.

Kaikoura District Council

Trial of kitchen waste in biodegradable plastic bags underway for 15 per cent of residents.
The reduction of use of plastic bags has been successful.

Timaru District Council

Brian Gallagher has resigned from the Council.

Selwyn District Council

Nil.

Mackenzie District Council

John McGartland has resigned.

Environment Canterbury

Floods in North Canterbury resulted in excess water run-off at Kate Valley landfill. This tested emergency measures, which were successful.
Noted local concern regarding flooding.

Christchurch City Council

Zero Waste Working Party conducted site visits of waste facilities.
Wheelie bins currently being dispatched throughout Christchurch.
Bio-solids drying facility tenders closing before the end of the year.

The Committee **resolved** to write a letter to Brian Gallagher thanking him for his long service to the Committee and noting his exceptional knowledge and enthusiasm.

The Committee **noted** to visit the new Christchurch waste facilities in 2009 once they are completed.

The meeting concluded at 11.35am.