

6. INFORMATION SHARING BY MEMBERS

HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL - MAYOR TONY ARPS

Mayor Arps commented that his council was now in the second year of weighing their residual waste to landfill using the weigh facilities at the Burwood Landfill. He reported that the volumes of waste had in actual fact been increasing. A large proportion of this increase was accounted for by the increase in construction and demolition material arising from Hanmer Springs and it was noted that in spite of the increased recycling volumes in his council's area waste to landfill was still increasing.

Discussions had been held with Canterbury Waste Services Ltd regarding modifications to their transfer station to allow for the disposal of waste to the new regional landfill at Kate Valley.

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR ROBBIE BRINE

Councillor Brine reported that their draft annual plan would be adopted the following day and that they had achieved a satisfactory outcome in the waste disposal area with a financial surplus which could be targeted to further waste minimisation initiatives. The HazMobile had undertaken two successful days recently collecting hazardous wastes and his council was also experiencing complaints about recycling rubbish being left in gutters.

KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR BRYON SEDDON

Members noted that the Kaikoura District Council had been awarded the Green Globe Award and extended their congratulations on this. Councillor Seddon confirmed that his council had no specific collection of waste for disposal at their landfill but undertook a weekly recyclable collection. As a consequence of the increase in tourism in the area, with increasing volumes of residual waste for disposal at landfill, their existing landfill, which had been envisaged to have a future life of 20-30 years, was now estimated to have a life of probably only five more years. The volumes to landfill were now the same as three years ago, in spite of substantial increases in the diversion of waste to recycling and other uses. Their transfer station had recently upgraded with a weighbridge and press etc at a cost of approximately \$250,000.

Future options for either a new landfill site or alternative disposal were seen as either obtain a consent to utilise a former North Canterbury Catchment Board quarry, joining the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee as a shareholder or transferring waste to Blenheim. Councillor Seddon enquired regarding the conditions and financial contributions that might be required for his council to join the CJSC as a shareholder member in the joint venture company.

It was suggested that the Kaikoura District Council should formally write a letter to the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee expressing their interest in this matter and the enquiry would also be passed on to the Transwaste Canterbury Ltd Board and would be considered by the Subcommittee in terms of its constitution.

The Chairman indicated that he felt it would be not unduly difficult for the Kaikoura District Council to become a shareholder and that the transport equalisation scheme would also probably apply to their area as well.

It was noted that they were currently disposing of approximately 6,000 tonnes per annum to landfill which was increasing at a rate of about 33% per annum.

WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL - BRIAN PURCELL

Mr Purcell reported that the "hazchem" collection was starting in their area on that day and would be in the district for three weeks. It was intended to cover approximately 50% of the rural properties in the area. In addition they were starting a waste minimisation education programme in some schools and intended to roll this out to other schools in the following year.

At present their volumes to landfill were static with their recycling tonnage increasing and in the next six months they would be looking further at increasing plastics recycling. A new transfer station had been built and they were increasing their involvement in diverting other waste streams.

In response to a question from the Chairman regarding disposal of silage wrap, having regard to the interest of the RMF in obtaining supplies, Mr Purcell advised an issue for them would be transport and processing and both himself and Mr Hemm, from the Mackenzie District Council, commented that their councils would probably be interested in access to a mobile bailer and shredder for plastics as volumes in their areas were too low to justify purchase of plant solely for their own use.

Mr Potgieter indicated that staff would be talking further about regional plastics in the afternoon session and that Mr Richard Lloyd, CEO of the RMF would also be attending.

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR BILL WOODS

Councillor Woods advised that his council's application for resource consents for their resource recovery park had now been made. A recycling collection had been undertaken since September and reasonable quantities were being collected but residual waste had not declined. In respect to cleanfills his council had received an approach requesting access to sort cleanfill material in the area and he commented that he felt the Christchurch City Council bylaw was having an effect. He did not think, however, that there would be a cleanfill established in the Selwyn District Council area.

A hazardous agricultural chemical collection was soon to be undertaken and an educational programme in schools was being undertaken together with Waste Busters.

His council had major problems in greenwaste disposal for smaller townships such as Arthurs Pass and Castle Hill.

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL - BRIAN GALLAGHER

Mr Gallagher updated members on the upgrading of the next stage of their Redruth landfill which would have an engineered liner and Tonkin and Taylor Ltd, who were consultants to the Kate Valley Landfill, were also being engaged for this.

While gas collection had been investigated this was not considered to be commercially viable as the depth of the landfill was too shallow at 12 metres. The intention was therefore to try and divert organics from the landfill to make it a dry landfill. It was expected that the higher standards would result in increased cost for disposal at the landfill and their tonnages of waste were currently increasing. The previously estimated 30 year life was now estimated to be perhaps reduced to 15-17 years and currently they were disposing of 43-50,000 tpa. There was therefore real pressure for the diversion of waste from their landfill.

A local Waste Busters trust had been established and this would be operating a reuse shop with the RMF involved in its operation and they were now also gearing up for a hazardous waste agricultural chemical collection from rural properties.

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR BEV TASKER

Councillor Tasker advised that Waste Busters now had a contract for greenwaste processing and they were looking at also collecting kitchen waste using a joint venture concept. She felt their waste operations were currently operating satisfactorily.

She expressed thanks to Darren Paterson of Environment Canterbury for his work in the hazardous waste area and in relation to silage wrap she advised that most of this was produced in the winter and spring period. They had undertaken a collection before Christmas and rural property owners were pleased to be able to recycle this product.

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR DENIS O'ROURKE

Councillor O'Rourke provided an update in respect to the proposed collection of kerbside putrescibles which was currently being considered as part of the Council's budget process. This would involve a new composting plant at an estimated cost of \$10 million plus additional collection costs of some \$4 million per annum. It was expected that the waste minimisation fund would contribute \$1 million annually towards this cost.

He tabled some biodegradable bags made from tapioca, rather than starch, for the information of members and advised that in respect to the kerbside putrescible collection it was intended to issue 52 biodegradable bags to each household plus a small wheeled 20 litre container. Disposal of greenwaste would be discouraged and combusting at home, or disposal via transfer stations, encouraged.

An update on the request for information proposal in respect to conversion of the Christchurch City Council's transfer stations to sorting stations was also provided together with an update on the new Cleanfill Bylaw, which had come into effect from 1 March. He mentioned that it was his view that the Christchurch City Council would need to pass a further new bylaw that no waste either passing through Christchurch, or being disposed of from Christchurch, could go to the Kate Valley Regional Landfill unless it had first been via a sorting station and he commented this would obviously need discussion with other adjacent local authorities.

In respect to plastics he advised that Range Industries had now established a factory in Christchurch utilising plastic shrink for the production of posts and wooden battens and they had a contract with the RMF for the supply of a minimum of 400 tonnes per annum of plastic film and could possibly in future take all plastics.

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL - MR JEFF HEMM

Mr Hemm advised that his council had now been operating their new waste disposal system for some two years and that there would be a hazardous waste collection throughout the whole of their district. Disposal of treated timber was a big problem in his area and he commented that in respect to the use of biodegradable bags that these had been trialed through their system and while they would ultimately degrade they unfortunately acted like all other plastics in the processing stage and tended to wrap around shafts and become caught up.

Following on from this discussion Councillor Tasker also advised that it was the intention of Transit New Zealand to remove all the rubbish drums from picnic areas on their roading system as these tended to be abused/utilised for household waste.