

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE

**Held in the No 3 Committee Room, Civic Offices
On Monday 14 July 2008 at 10.30am**

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck (Chairperson)(Christchurch City Council)
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council)
Councillor Pat Harrow (Environment Canterbury)
Councillor Matt Henderson (Waimate District Council)
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council)
Councillor Ross Little (Environment Canterbury)
Councillor Lindsay Philips (Selwyn District Council)
Councillor John Ransley (Kaikoura District Council)
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council)
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Christison (Christchurch City Council)
Grant Evans (Christchurch City Council)
Kevin Crutchley (Christchurch City Council)
Zefanja Potgieter (Christchurch City Council)
Diane Shelander (Christchurch City Council)
Dave Hock (Selwyn District Council)
Sally Cracknell (Hurunui District Council)
Kitty Waghorn (Waimakariri District Council)
Brian Gallagher (Timaru District Council)
Trudy Geoghegan (Environment Canterbury)
Sarah Tammik (SKM)
Craig Tregurtha (Crop and Food Research)
Tony McKendry (Christchurch City Council)

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mike Wall (Christchurch City Council), Dave Pullen (MacKenzie District Council), Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council), Darren Patterson (Environment Canterbury), Brian Purcell (Waimate District Council), Don Young (Waimakariri District Council), and Jane Parfitt (Christchurch City Council)

Apologies for early departure were received from Mayor Jackson (12 noon), and Councillor Robbie Brine (12.05pm).

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 APRIL 2008

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

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Nil.

3. **CANTERBURY WASTE DATA REPORT 2007/08**

Ms Trudy Geoghegan (ECan), with the aid of overheads, spoke to her report and responded to the many and varied questions raised by members. Points covered included:

- Waste limited to population and local economy
- Future graphs to acknowledge GDP in Canterbury relativity of growth in separate districts
- Illegal dumping to be acknowledged in future
- Pending legislation will influence reporting date
- Pleasing to note more people are composting

The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) That the information relating to this report be received.
- (b) For consistency in reporting data, all participating Councils are requested to utilise the same waste category definitions.

4. **REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION PROJECTS UPGRADE**

Further to consideration of a comprehensive report prepared by Zefanja Potgieter, Sarah Tammils (SKM), Kevin Crutchley (CCC), Craig Tregurtha (Crop and Food Research), Brian Gallagher (TDC), Diane Shelander (CCC), spoke to their respective reports. Councillor John Ransley (Kaikoura District Council) also circulated a report on the 'Plastic Bag-Free Kaikoura' project.

The respective speakers responded to questions with Sarah Tammik (SKM) planning the following recommendations before the Committee in respect of the paper and card project, 'Don't Screw Up Canterbury!'

That the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee:

- Continue to make reserves available
- Consider updating data on paper/cardboard to landfill
- Consider assessing actual paper/cardboard recycling rates
- Consider a catchment-based advocacy programme

The Chairperson thanked those involved with the presentations together with their enthusiasm and energies devoted to the respective projects.

The Committee **resolved** to receive the report.

5. **REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION ACTION PLAN 2008/09**

The Committee considered the action plan submitted by Zefanja Potgieter. Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council) in speaking to the worm composting project, advised that Ashburton District was 98 per cent covered with such projects by way of Ashburton Wastebusters. Accordingly, the Ashburton District Council would place its share (\$1,500) of the proposed worm composting back 'into the pool' to be used where it is most needed.

Members thanked the Ashburton District Council for this offer.

The Committee **resolved** to approve the 2008/09 funding of regional waste minimisation projects as amended.

6. **INFORMATION SHARING**

Items referred to the Committee included:

Waimakariri District Council:

- Waste Management plan open for public consultation on six options

Kaikoura District Council

- Recycling waste pad operational

Environment Canterbury

- Congratulations to the Committee. An excellent example of territorial local authorities working together

Waimate District Council

- Local efforts will benefit from the excellent research available through the Committee

Ashburton District Council

- Zero waste conference in Ashburton during August
- A waiting list for processed compost

Christchurch City Council

- New waste systems under development
- Bio solids project out for tender shortly

Hurunui District Council

- A review of recycling processes underway. Submissions close today for public consultation .

Timaru District Council

- 'Three-bins' a success. 21 per cent of material up in this (second) year.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

The meeting concluded at 12.10pm