



Minutes of Waste Hub Liaison Group
25th July 2024, 5.30pm, via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Paul Cassell, Local Representative	PC
Simon McGrory, Local Representative	SM
Kevin Melling, MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	KM
Jane Thomason, Deputy MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	JT

Other Attendees:

Karen Potts, PA to Kevin Melling(Minutes)	KP
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Apologies Received:

Cllr John Bird, Cheshire East Ward Councillor	JB
Cllr Fraser Whytock, Middlewich Town Council	FW
Cllr Simon Whittaker, Middlewich Town Council	SW

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>KM welcomed attendees declared the meeting open and chaired it throughout.</p> <p>Apologies received from JB and we had received a message to say SW was unsure if he could attend.</p> <p>SM advised that FW had resigned from the Council. KM advised we had not been notified from the Council.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>2.1</p> <p>The Minutes from the meeting on 23 April 2024 were approved as an accurate and correct record.</p> <p>2.2 Matters Arising -</p> <p>KM Update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Waste has exceeded Councils expectations and is business as usual. Residents continue to subscribe and we are not receiving any complaints. • The planned Maintenance work scheduled at the depot has now been completed. • FAB Festival – a lengthy discussion took place around the management of waste from the event, and a breakdown in communications between parties . 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues were raised in relation to the collection of waste after the event. • SM advised that he understood that the events licences were issued from CEC and that his understanding is different from that of KM • KM suggested that a meeting with all parties including the event organisers would be beneficial to understand how the clean up of waste for future events could be improved. 	
3	<p>Update on the Transition to CEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KM update the committee that CEC are in-sourcing their ASDV's which includes Ansa and this will be completed in a phased approach with a scheduled completion date of 31st March 2025. • The largest part of this programme is the workforce being TUPE'd back to the CEC. • CEC are undergoing a major transformation program to improve its finances and services. • The Community Liaison Group meetings will continue but will transfer from Ansa to CEC • KM will update accordingly. 	
4	<p>Update on Project Vanguard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although it has been proven the scheme would work it has faced difficulties in producing the hydrogen despite technological advancements. • This is due to issues associated with the equipment and obtaining spares. • Authorities decided not to pursue the use of biofuel in Council vehicles at this time . • The equipment for biofuel usage will be decommissioned over the coming months at the hub. 	
5	<p>Operational and Community Events Update</p> <p>5.1 Operational</p> <p>HWRCs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closure of Bollington, Poynton and Middlewich HWRCs will take place as of 5pm on Sunday 4 August. • Residents wishing to visit Alsager, Crewe, Macclesfield or Knutsford HWRC during weekends or Bank Holidays will need to book a slot online in advance of their visit. • For residents in the Bollington, Poynton and Middlewich areas, a mobile household waste recycling service will be available to them – they can also visit any of the other HWRCs in the borough. • These vehicles will be tippers and not RCV for Health and Safety reasons. • The mobile HWRC will alternate between the three towns and each one will receive one visit per month. This will take place on a Saturday morning from 8am until 10am. Residents will need to book a slot online in advance of their visit. • CEC will determine the location of the Mobile sites. • CEC will confirm if the Hub could be the site for Middlewich. SM advised that using the Hub could open up for local residents who object to the site to cause issues and felt that the Civic Car park would be a better choice as it is not utilised at a weekend. KM & JT will relay this information back to CEC. <p>Waster Transfer Station Update</p>	KM & JT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon change for the waste transfer station is scheduled for the first week of August 2024 • EV infrastructure Phase 1 is complete with 22 units for Street Cleansing Vehicles and we are waiting for the vehicle to be delivered. • EV Phase 2 will be for the ground’s vehicles. • Emission testing on the stacks at the back of the Waste Transfer Station took place in June 2024. Everything was compliant to the levels set by the Environment Agency • Environmental noise monitoring was conducted in March and we received the report 24.07.24 and Ansa is compliant with all the planning requirements. <p>Street Cleansing & Grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New arrangements due to budget cuts for both Street Cleansing and Grounds • New regimes have been implemented • Vehicles taken off the road and operatives now share vehicles instead of having dedicated ones. <p>Modifying Waste Collection Schedules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simpler Recycling Scheme' legislation announced in October 2023 means that all local authorities must collect food waste from their residents on a weekly basis by no later than 1 April 2026. • CEC to collect food waste alongside the fortnightly garden bin rounds, and then separately as a food waste round in the alternate weeks. • CEC proposing to consult on plans to move to collecting black bins once every three weeks. • We are exploring the possibility of implementing the changes and to adjust waste collection schedules to reduce food waste. • Challenges include optimizing logistics and ensuring consistent service. <p>5.2 Community Events/Sponsorship in Middlewich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging with the community through various events and initiatives • Promoting recycling and waste reduction with residents and getting to know the community. • See Appendix A 	
6	<p>Middlewich Community Issues. See Matters arising re FAB Festival.</p>	
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Committee Local Representative: Paul Cassell announced his retirement from the committee. He had emailed a letter on the 18.07.2024 to all members of the liaison committee confirming this would be his last meeting.</p> <p>PC advised that it had been a pleasure to serve as a member of this committee. Due to his long-established experience in transport operation he wanted to ensure that any issues relating to Ansa’s heavy vehicles was compliant. Over the years he has seen the complaints diminish and has been impressed by the proactive and reactive measures taken by Ansa Management team in a professional manner. He wished Ansa and the team all the best for the future.</p>	

	<p>KM advised that the team valued his kind words within his letter and he had valued his expertise, knowledge, support and contribution over the years and wished him well for the future.</p> <p>JT also reiterated KM comments and from her own personal experience had really valued his contributions and support and wished him a happy retirement.</p> <p>On behalf of all the committee members SM thanked PC for his support and dedication to the committee over the years and he will be missed.</p> <p>SM advised he had been asked if KM was aware of the height of the stack at TATA in comparison to Ansa's stack. KM advised he was not aware.</p>	
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Appendix A

Venue	Event title	Type of activity
The Wych Centre, Middlewich	Clothes Library/ coat swop	Our valued WRV Carole has worked with and set up clothes drop off and coat swap facility via Ansa's clothes library and coat swops/donations. This supports our textile waste reduction messages at The Youthie, Middlewich-Middlewich Community & Youth Project.
Turnpike Court-Minster Care Group, Elworth	Clothes Library/ coat swop	WRV Carole has also led on the set up of Ansa's textile waste reduction campaign coat drop/swops and donations via Ansa's clothes library which supports textile waste reduction messages
Middlewich Library	Ansa Community	Ansa stand with information on recycling and discussing waste reduction with residents, also tips and ideas to improve recycling. Opportunity to network and establish new links and groups to deliver talks to.
Middlewich Library	Knit and Natter group	Recycling talk to attendees about what can and can't be recycled and why it matters.
Willowmere Care Home, Middlewich	Willowmere Care Home Recycling Talk	Craft activity for residents and staff using recyclable items, creating paper hedgehogs from old unwanted books. Information and discussions on what Ansa does and recycling.
Middlewich	Middlewich FAB Festival	Folk and boat festival - Stand at event for discussion with residents on reducing food waste/waste/ recycling - also focus on Real Nappies and textile waste reduction messages
Fountains Fields Park	Waste Reduction Volunteers Pride Picnic in the Park	'Drinks and Bites at 35' coffee shop, Used local Middlewich restaurant to provide the sandwich picnic lunch for the volunteer pride picnic
St Michaels all Angels	ST Michaels all angels Middlewich Microtots	Attending the baby group to discuss and promote Real Nappies and the voucher for mums to try these

The meeting closed at 18.28 Next meeting to be held on 31st October 2024 TBC