

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018, HELD ON SITE
AT THE ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL, REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT
FACILITY

PRESENT

Mayor Damien Ryan
Deputy Mayor Jamie De Brenni (*Chair*)
Councillor Jimmy Cocking

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Scott Allen – ASTC Technical Services Director
Mr Dinesh Pillay – ASTC Finance Director
Mr Reinier Laan – ASTC Manager Regional Waste
Management Facility
Ms. Hayley Michener – ASTC Environment Officer
Mrs Joanne Craven – Executive Assistant (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Marli Banks
Councillor Jacinta Price
Mr Rex Mooney – ASTC Chief Executive Officer

The meeting opened at 12:01pm

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from Meeting held 19 October 2017

Moved: Councillor Cocking

Seconded: Mayor Ryan

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**3.1 Item 3.1 – Lifespan of the Existing Landfill Site**

The Director advised that the Technical Services Department have a confidential report being submitted to the Technical Services Committee Meeting in February 2018.

Item 5.2 - Financial Statements – General Business item

A question was taken on notice regarding the town camp collection service. The Director Finance advised that it is a private contract that runs from October 2017 to June 2018 and the balance will be paid in 2 instalments.

Item 5.5 – Container Deposit Legislation

Mayor Ryan advised that a further letter was sent to the Minister and Council has received a response. The Container Deposit Scheme is currently being reviewed so could not response under the review is complete. Discussion ensued.

Item 6.1 – Paper Baler

The Director Technical Services advised that the slab extension is now complete. Concerns were raised regarding the possible increase of waste with China not receiving anymore. Mayor Ryan enquired if Council has looked into alternate receivers of our paper, cardboard and plastics. Discussion ensued.

Action

Council Officers to investigate options of other waste receivers and to contact other regional Councils to discuss the issue.

Item 6.4 – Mattress shredding

The Director Technical Services advised that this item is ongoing and the costing is to be presented at the next meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 Financial statements**

Refer to attached financial statement.

Discussion ensued regarding the bulk recycling figures, advertising costs and surplus funds.

The Committee enquired if the budget line for the vehicle repairs, fuel and oils could be separated.

The Director Finance took on notice to supply the breakdown at the next meeting.

5.3 Hazardous Waste Facility - Update

A meeting is to be held with the contractor who had submitted a tender and a report will be given to the April Technical Services Committee.

Action

Council Officers to approach the companies who downloaded the tender but did not submit and ask for feedback.

6. OTHER BUSINESS**6.1 Mini MRF Process and Site Preparations**

Councillor Cocking enquired to how the site preparations and personnel training are going. The Director advised that staff training has not been conducted yet due to the site preparations. The shed dimensions are 5mtr by 20mtr by 10mtr and a report will be submitted to the Technical Services Committee confidential section regarding the education campaign.

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Voucher system

Councillor De Brenni congratulated the staff and Mayor Ryan for the voucher system as the feedback from the community has been positive. Discussion ensued.

6.3 Correctional workers

Reinier advised that there are normally 4 to 5 workers per week and the scheme is working well. They mainly work on the transfer station and the facility has received good feedback from the community, he also advised that Council is investigating extra workers for over the weekend.

6.4 Staffing levels

Reinier advised that the facility is experiencing low levels of staff. With sick, recreational and long service leave the centre is under staffed. Within the budget review this will hopefully be addressed. Currently the Depot have a rotating roster however training staff is a big issue.

Discussion ensued regarding the current pressures on the staffing levels and the possibility of a junior training programme.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday 10 May 2018 – 12pm on site at the Alice Springs Town Council, Regional Waste Management Facility.

Meeting closed at 12.59pm