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MINUTES OF THE NORTH WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN REVIEW  
REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP (RTG) HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005 AT 10AM AT  
THE WDA OFFICES, ST ASAPH BUSINESS PARK.

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Present for:

***Anglesey County Council***

John Williams (JW), Steffan Owen (SO)

***Conwy County Borough Council***

Barry Bond (BB), Ceri Thomas (CT)

***Denbighshire County Council;***

Mike Pender (MP), Alan Roberts (AR), Claire MacFarlane (CM), Samantha Davies (SD) (Admin)

***Flintshire County Council***

Andy MacBeth (AM), Bob Sheffield (BS)

***Gwynedd County Council***

Gareth Jones (GJ)

***Wrexham County Borough Council***

John Ellis (JE)

***Powys County Council***

Roanna Manson (RM)

***Welsh Assembly Government***

Sue Martin (SM), Frances Machin (FM)

***CPRW***

Buddug Owen (BO)

***Wales Environment Trust***

Gerald Morris (GM)

***Countryside Council for Wales***

Andrew Dale (AD)

***Environment Agency Wales***

Lynda Bigland (LB), Steve Parkinson (SP), Cathy O'Brien (COB)

***Snowdonia National Park***

Gareth Lloyd (GL)

***University of Wales***

Jim Rollinson (JR)

***Cheshire County Council***

Clive Sproule (CS)

***Federation of Small Businesses***

Neil Taylor (NT)

***Cylch***

Katie Trent (KT)

**1. Apologies**

Gary Nancarrow, Flintshire County Council  
Alan Thomas, Wales Waste & Resources Research Centre  
Andy Bull, Powys County Council  
John Walmsley, CBI  
Peter Evans, Gwynedd County Council  
Gwenllian Owen, WDA  
David Edwards, North Wales Chamber of Commerce

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

COB raised the point that she now works for Environment Agency Wales.

**3. Matters Arising**

SM updated the group on Item 11, stating there was a Mapping Research Steering Group meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June in Cardiff. A dissemination seminar on the project has been arranged for July. SM added that RPS consultants are still awaiting data from some Local Authorities.

FM advised the group that the questionnaire discussed in Item 12 is the responsibility of the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). FM confirmed that the questionnaires will be sent out shortly, and apologised for the delay.

MP advised the Group that the site visit to the MBT facility in Leicester had not been arranged as yet. The Group expressed an interest in attending and agreed it would be suitable to visit after August.

#### **4. Landfill Update**

MP presented the update to the Group, raising the two main issues with landfill, which are:

1. Definition
2. Capacity.

COB advised the Group that EAW are carrying out a survey of available landfill capacity and are still awaiting data from several site operators. Once the data has been received collated, the results of the survey will be distributed to the Group.

MP asked each Local Authority to provide an update on their position regarding landfill capacity.

#### ***Gwynedd***

Gwynedd confirmed that the figures in the landfill update were correct. GCC are considering submitting an application to extend Cilgwyn landfill site, which would comply with PPC requirements, to provide further capacity. SLR consultants have been engaged to consider alternative sites for the Cilgwyn landfill. Thirteen possible sites have been identified, covering a variety of waste management facilities. Six Task Groups have also been formed to investigate different scenarios for the closure of the Cilgwyn site.

There are currently no proposals for municipal waste management facilities.

#### ***Anglesey***

The landfill capacity information for Anglesey was considered to be correct. Residual waste from the Authority will be disposed of at Cilgwyn landfill site in Gwynedd until 2007.

An application has been made for a waste transfer station on the Penhesgyn Gors landfill site. Several small proposals dealing with trade waste are being brought forward.

#### ***Conwy***

The landfill capacity information was agreed to be correct. BB added that Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) is working in partnership with Denbighshire County Council in securing a short-term landfill disposal contract.

Sites have been identified for the regional composting scheme, and are currently under discussion.

There are no facilities for hazardous waste within Conwy at present.

### ***Flintshire***

The landfill capacity information was agreed to be correct. The Standard landfill site is now closed. Flintshire County Council has nominated 13 sites (post deposit) in its UDP for waste management facilities, including 7 possible sites for landfill/landraise facilities. A combined use proposal is being considered for one particular site, the suitability of which is currently being investigated.

A Leader Strategy Group has been formed, with the remit of bringing waste management facility proposals forward.

The UDP waste policies were written prior to the North Wales Regional Waste Plan being published, and therefore need amending.

### ***Wrexham***

The landfill capacity information was agreed to be correct. The closure date for the Astbury quarry landfill has not yet been confirmed. An application has been made for a new waste facility on this site. The current position of the Hafod quarry landfill site remains uncertain, although it is expected to be receiving waste by the end of 2005. There is the possibility of the Hafod site having some capacity to receive local waste.

SM stated that under TAN 21 requirements land for waste management facilities needs to be allocated in the UDP/LDP documents.

### ***Denbighshire***

There is no landfill site in Denbighshire. There are concerns over the commercial viability of the Llanddulas landfill site in Conwy. Waste from the Ruthin transfer station was previously disposed of at the Gowy landfill site in Cheshire. This waste is now received by the Pen-y-Bont landfill site in Wrexham, but is of negligible quantity.

DCC waste managers are currently working with planning officers to identify potential waste management facility sites.

### ***Powys***

The landfill capacity information was agreed to be correct. The Bryn Posteg landfill site in North Powys also receives waste from Ceredigion.

SM asked for a Regional landfill capacity figure. COB confirmed that EAW can provide the figures required.

**COB to Action**

**5. Hazardous Waste Supplement**

MP presented the draft Supplement to the Group, highlighting that there are still uncertainties surrounding hazardous waste and the fact that the Region relies on facilities outside of North Wales to dispose of, and treat, hazardous waste. FM confirmed that the Group is awaiting information and comments from Andy Rees (WAG Waste Strategy Unit) on the content of the Supplement. FM also intends to send the comments and information to the Regional Coordinator by the end of the week (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June).

MP stated the three issues with hazardous waste are: -

1. Prediction of newly hazardous waste arisings
2. Locational criteria for facilities
3. Commercial viability of new facilities.

MP suggested that this report can be viewed as a starting point and that comments from the Group are welcomed.

COB stated that clarification is needed from the planning departments on the definitions of waste. AR added that the term 'hazardous waste' needs to be clearly defined and the different categories identified.

MP asked the group who was responsible for categorising the types of hazardous waste, was it the Regional Waste Group or WAG?

BS asked on behalf of Flintshire County Council if the deadline for the comments on the Supplement could be extended as they would like to add some amendments to the document. MP confirmed that the deadline for comments from the Group would be extended to 21<sup>st</sup> June, with a second draft passed to the Group and WAG on 28<sup>th</sup> June. The amendments and corrections of the document were agreed to be the responsibility of the officers in Denbighshire County Council.

**6. Update on LA's proposals/procurement**

MP asked the Local Authorities to advise of any proposals or procurements procedures that had not been mentioned in previous items.

BB confirmed that Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council are working in partnership to secure a short-term landfill disposal contract.

SO mentioned that Anglesey County Council is looking at a legal contract for procurement to provide positive landfill provision for Anglesey.

## **7. WLGA procurement exercise**

MP drew the above exercise to the Group's attention, for information in procuring waste management facilities.

## **8. Report of the three Regional Co-ordinators meeting with Carwyn Jones AM**

MP reported to the Group on the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April in Cardiff with Carwyn Jones AM and the three Regional Waste Plan Coordinators. The meeting was convened to discuss the lack of funding available for waste facilities, after two bids in South Wales for large scale facilities were rejected despite having secured sites, all necessary permissions and collaborative working. The option of Prudential Borrowing was raised but this was not considered a feasible avenue for several Authorities. The Minister requested further evidence of collaborative working on the two rejected South Wales bids, and also advised Local Authorities to make early applications for the next round of funding, which would become available in 2007.

COB stated that there are problems with bidding for Regional facilities as the bids that are submitted are usually large and the funding can often be allocated before other bids have been submitted. It is essential to submit applications as soon as possible in order to secure funding.

## **9. Any other Business**

BS asked MP if there was an overall structure for the North Wales Regional Waste Plan Review. MP responded stating the timetable for the Review in the WAG contract as the structure.

SM enquired about commissioning consultants to assist with the requirements of the Review. MP responded by saying no decision has been reached yet as there is a need to meet with the other Regional Coordinators before a decision can be reached. SM advised that due to delays, within WAG, in securing consultants, 4-5 months notice would be required from the Regional Coordinators.

MP advised the Group that Greencone, a company which produces kitchen waste digesters, had expressed an interest in presenting their product to the Group. The Group agreed that this is a waste management issue, rather than waste planning, and did not feel a presentation would be of benefit.

An update on the progress of the Smiths Gore C&D waste re-use and recycling survey was requested. SM stated that a second draft of the survey was expected shortly, and that a North Wales seminar on the results had been arranged for either the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> July.

COB informed the Group that EAW are carrying out a survey of C&D waste production, which would provide a model for converting building development proposals into expected waste arisings. COB also informed the Group that EAW would shortly be publishing the results of their 2003 C&I waste arisings survey.

#### **10. Timetable/future meetings**

The next meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10am – venue to be confirmed.

**The meeting ended at 12.25pm**