
MINUTES OF THE NORTH WALES JOINT REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP (RTG) AND REGIONAL MEMBERS GROUP (RMG) HELD ON MONDAY 10th APRIL 2006 AT THE OPTIC CENTRE, ST ASAPH BUSINESS PARK AT 12.30PM.

Members and Officers present for:

Denbighshire County Council

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

Conwy County Council

Councillor Brian Cossey (BC)

Wrexham County Borough Council

Councillor Andrew Bailey (AB), John Ellis (JE)

Anglesey County Council

Councillor John Williams (JW), Hedd Rhys (HR)

Flintshire County Council

Councillor Kevin Jones (KJ), Gary Nancarrow (GC), Andy MacBeth (AM)

Gwynedd County Council

Councillor Emyr Pugh (EP), Dafydd Gareth Jones (DGJ)

Powys County Council

Councillor Joy Shearer (JS)

Snowdonia National Park

Gareth Lloyd (GL)

Welsh Assembly Government

Sue Martin (SM), Joanna Smith (JS), Andy Rees (AR)

Environment Agency Wales

Cathy O' Brien (COB), Rhiannon Jones (RJ),

Cheshire County Council

Clive Sproule (CS)

1. Apologies

Medwyn Williams, CIWM

Katie Trent, Cylch

Peter Walmsley, CBI

Amy Bird, Conwy & Denbighshire NHS Trust

Henry Roberts, North Wales Economic Forum

Bob Sheffield, Flintshire County Council
Gwenllian Owen, WDA
Lee Marshall, Powys County Council
Ryan Kristiansen, Powys County Council
Peter Evans, Gwynedd County Council
Councillor Gwylim Evans, Powys County Council
Councillor Eryl Williams, Denbighshire County Council
Richard Carter, Wales Environment Trust
David Edwards, North Wales Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Howard Moysen, Wrexham County Borough Council
Colin Priestly, WESA
Ceri Thomas, Conwy County Borough Council

2. Minutes of last meeting

RJ advised that both she and Rachel Jowitt have the same initials and Rachel Jowitt spoke under Item 7 and not Rhiannon.

COB stated that in Item 7 the two issues she raised in the last meeting should be as two separate paragraphs as the second statement was regarding construction and demolition waste.

GN added that Flintshire County Council have identified 3 areas of search for landfills in the County under Item 8.

HR stated that in Item 8 the waste transfer station at Penhesgyn is due to be completed this year.

3. Matters Arisings

MJP advised the group that the waste arisings forecasts had been completed and will be passed to EAW.

MJP advised the group that the minor changes identified in draft Annual Monitoring Report had been made and a copy of the revised AMR will be sent out to the group via e-mail and submitted to WAG.

4. EAW Sustainability Assessment – Weighting indicators

COB presented a PowerPoint presentation to the group going through the main issues raised in using the scores provided. COB outlined the two different statistical approaches that the NW region could use for the assessment.

AB suggested that 'UA Equal' approach be used to ensure that the scores from non-unitary authority organisations are given equal weight to the unitary authorities. The group voted on this matter and agreed to use the UA Equal approach for the region.

5. Any Other Business

MJP asked SM to report on progress regarding the brief for the HIA exercise. SM advised that she is still waiting for a response and find out what progress has been made and let MJP know.

SM TO ACTION

MJP stated that a paper had been received from WAG regarding the requirements of the review of the Regional Waste Plans and he would arrange a meeting with the planning officers in the group in the next couple of weeks to discuss the issues raised in the paper.

MJP TO ACTION

COB advised the group that there was discussion in a recent partnership event regarding inclusion of the private sector in the Regional Waste Plan process. It was suggested that a sub group representing waste businesses could be formed and the chairperson/representative could attend the RTG meetings. AR suggested that Julie Masters from WDA could have the suitable contacts and stated that he would contact Julie Masters with a view to setting up a sub group.

AR TO ACTION

MJP advised the group that there is a North Wales Waste Managers meeting at the end of April. Denbighshire County Council have taken on the coordinating role in this group.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be a joint RTG and RMG meeting again and will take place on 17th July 2006 at 12.30pm – Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 1.50pm