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MINUTES OF THE NORTH WALES TECHNICAL GROUP (RTG) HELD ON  
MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005 AT THE FAENOL FAWR HOTEL,  
BODELWYDDAN AT 11AM.

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Present for:

***Anglesey County Council***

John Williams (JW), Keira Sweenie (KS)

***Conwy County Borough Council***

Stan Yates (SY)

***Denbighshire County Council;***

Mike Pender (MP), Claire Macfarlane (MC), Steve Parker (SP), Alan Roberts (AR), Samantha Parry (SP) (Admin)

***Flintshire County Council***

Gary Nancarrow (GN), Andy MacBeth (AM)

***Gwynedd County Council***

Peter Evans (PE)

***Wrexham County Borough Council***

John Ellis (JE)

***Snowdonia National Park***

Gareth Lloyd (GL)

***Powys County Council***

Roanna Manson (RM)

***Welsh Assembly Government***

Cathy O'Brien (COB), Sue Martin (SM)

***Apologies: -***

Andy Bull, Powys County Council  
Barry Bond, Conwy County Borough Council  
Steffan Owen, Anglesey County Council  
Geoff Clegg, Wrexham County Council  
D Jones, Gwynedd County Council  
Ceri Thomas, Conwy County Borough Council

## **1. Introduction by Denbighshire County Council**

Mike Pender (MP) welcomed the members of the RTG Group and asked those present to introduce themselves. MP introduced Claire Macfarlane (CM) NWRWP Technical Support Officer (DCC) and Samantha Parry (SP) NWRWP Administration Officer (DCC) as the principal support officers for the Group and advised that Jonathan Cawley (JC) and Lara Griffiths (LG) were the two other officers from DCC will be involved with the NWRWP.

MP updated the Group stating that the WAG contract had been renewed for the North Wales Regional Waste Plan Review (NWRWP) for stage 2 advising that a new 'team' from Denbighshire were co-ordinating.

## **2. Report from Welsh Assembly Government**

Sue Martin (SM) of WAG and Cathy O'Brien (COB) of WAG spoke briefly about the need to make progress on the issues facing North Wales in providing a integrated network of WM facilities to meet the various EU, UK and WAG targets over the next 10 years in particular:

- address landfill Issue
- make positive provision in forthcoming UDP's/LDP

## **3. Response from Group**

MP sought nominations for Chair and Secretary of the group. MP duly volunteered. The Regional Members Group (RMG) needs to be set up. It was agreed that the group would meet every two months after the RTG with the preferred location being Conwy Business Centre at Llandudno Junction.

Gary Nancarrow (GN) asked if there were any representatives from the Environment Agency Wales to be involved with this stage. Cathy O'Brien (COB) stated the importance of private sector businesses presence at meetings as their input is vital in the progress of the NWRWP. A list of the relevant contacts can be provided. Sue Martin (SM) added that meetings could be advertised to encourage attendance from private businesses. Training of the members is important as there will be members who are not familiar with the NWRWP.

**MP to action**

It was suggested that a meeting is be held as a matter of urgency as there are issues that need discussing. The Group agreed that the RMG should meet after the RTG with a presentation on the NWRWP followed by a joint meeting of the RTG and RMG.

#### **4. Regional Technical Group (RTG) Terms of Reference**

Suggested terms of Reference were agreed. MP said that the purpose of stage 2 of the Review is to monitor and review the plan as stated in Annex B and the timetable in Annex C. In particular is to provide the basis for and make positive provision for a network of facilities across North Wales and the County's UDPs' and LDPs.

#### **5. Regional Members Group (RMG) Terms of Reference Group**

Revised Terms of Reference agreed. MP said that letters have been sent out to the Chief Executive Officers of all the North Wales Counties asking to nominate. Gareth Lloyd (GL) said that the Members that stood in the previous stage will be willing to stand in this stage of the NWRWP.

#### **6. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

The last meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003 and the minutes were not taken or circulated and there were so there were no matters arising from the meeting.

#### **7. Update**

MP asked the representatives to update the group on the progress made on the UDP/LDP, Municipal Waste Plan/other issues.

##### *UDP/LDP*

The majority of the counties are seeking to commence on the LDP this year.

##### *Municipal Waste Plan*

The majority of the counties have had their municipal waste plans approved.

##### *Facilities*

The facilities vary from county to county with wider range in North East but still no regional facilities.

##### *Other Issues*

There was clearly an issue with lack of capacity of landfill sites in North Wales. No hazardous waste landfill site capacity.

It was also stated that there is a bad perception of waste which needs to be improved.

COB stated the landfill sites in North Wales are very scarce and the availability and capacity of landfill sites in North Wales is up to full expectation. COB suggested that the group approach the Environment Agency for the returns available. SM asked if a short paper could be written on the landfill facilities in North Wales so that the issue of landfills can be assessed for the next meeting.

**MP/CM to Action**

MP said that he will send a letter to the Councils in North Wales asking for an update on the landfills in the counties.

**MP to Action**

GN suggested that the group invite counterparts in England to attend future RTGs. No decision was reached.

SM said the Environment Agency had piloted the GIS for South Wales which shows the geological and other aspects that affect waste factors (especially hazardous waste) which also show areas of potential where waste facilities are suitable. The development of phase 2 of this is about to start. This is to be a WAG fund commission. The letters are being sent out for tenders and the deadline for the tenders is 21<sup>st</sup> February. The project will commence as soon as possible with a completion time of 3 months which is hoped to be completed by the end of April.

## **8. Issues**

MP asked what status does the NWRWP document have and how is it implemented.

SM said that there is no statutory basis for the NWRWP document. However there is a requirement for NWRWP in the PPW where the NWRWP is taken into account. SM said that the document is non-statutory but there is a legal link to the document through Development Plan regulations which has some status and Welsh Assembly have taken the document on. MP added that the NWRWP will help to progress with Development Plans and future consideration is required for UDP, Wales Spatial Plan, Welsh Assembly system development, SEA regulations and ensure that there is consistency with the other RWPs.

## **9. Project Group**

MP said that Barry Bond (BB) of Conwy Council and Peter Evans (PE) of Gwynedd Council were members at the Project Group of NWRWP. MP to confirm if (BB) and PE will continue as PG member.

MP asked whether the Performance indicators and planning indicators were of relevance at this stage of NWRWP.

**SM and COB to check this issue**

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be 23rd March at 10.00am in the Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction. The RTG meeting will be in the morning followed by lunch and a joint RTG and RMG meeting in the afternoon. The RMG will be in 2 parts

- (i) Awareness raising as new members likely to be on RMG. MP suggested presentations
  - WAG (Targets etc)
  - DCC (issues/programme)
  - Consultants (New technologies, SEA, BEPO)
- (ii) Review programme (timetable/tasks)

## **11. AOB**

MP mentioned to the group that there is an ESSA parliamentary training course on 21<sup>st</sup> February in London for £59 – copies of the training course available on request.

SM also said that there is an Institute of Engineers course on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

PE said that the completion of the Waste Strategy Updates is 2007.

COB said that the Municipal Waste Strategy Document is a 10 year document which is reviewed on an annual basis where work is ongoing.

**The meeting ended at 1.35pm**