



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Conwy, Community Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 11th December 6pm –8pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Conwy Business Centre, Conwy</b>
<b>Region:</b>	<b>North Wales</b>
<b>Hyder Staff :</b>	<b>Victoria Bond &amp; Georgina Taubman</b>
<b>Other :</b>	<b>Peter Detheridge (Conwy CC)</b>

**Minutes:**

**C= Comment**

**Q=Question**

**A= Answer**

Q – “How do we bring land forward for use faster than the LPD allows us? – currently timescales in the RWP show we only have 6yrs before we face penalties.”

Q – “What is the strategy to reduce waste, especially considering cheap products are to replace e.g. Tesco’s are selling kettles for £4?”

C – “There is a process in Austria where you can’t sell white goods unless you have spares available for the next 8years to allow them to be fixed. Austria also considers packaging waste as a fuel.”

Q – “We don’t want to send our waste far as it increases our carbon footprint, however, would we be looked upon negatively if we sent our waste to neighbouring authorities?”

Q – “What sort of waste is going abroad to India/China?”

C – “Another issue relates to available markets for our recycle.”

C – “We are disposing of our fuel (waste plastics).”

C – “Facilities want to build big to make it worthwhile, especially if being big means facilities can dictate the quality of the material and that only source separated materials are delivered to keep the overall quality high.”

C – “We are increasing CO<sub>2</sub> as we have more vehicles transporting recycle instead of using EfW/MBT locally.”

C – “Years ago, waste was burnt, metals remove, and dust used for mortar.”

Q – “Is it true that 2/3rds of food waste ends up as waste?”

A - WRAP is currently campaigning to encourage people to reduce food waste.”

Q – “The government won’t allow food waste to be fed as swill. Is anything being done to alter the behaviour of supermarkets for over estimating the sell by dates of their food?”

C – “Maybe, instead of fining local authorities the Welsh Assembly Government should be putting pressure on e.g. supermarkets – we need help not fines.”

C – “The government should let local authorities off the £8 per tonne increase so they can invest it in new facilities.”

C – “We need to look at PFI.”



Q – “What I hear tonight seriously worries me as it looks as if it will cause a nightmare scenario – are we confident that European countries will also be meeting their targets as we in the UK have to? Are England and Scotland taking this as seriously as Wales is?”

A – “Yes, and Wales are learning from their examples.”

C – “People are being sold rubbish by supermarkets (i.e. excessive packaging).”

*re: Technology options*

Q – “Plastic doesn’t compost – why isn’t paper packaging used more?”

C – “Its hard that each local authority does their recycling differently – it would be easier if all Welsh authorities did things the same.”

C – “There should be no complications - if plastic cant be recycled then it should be used as a fuel.”

Q – “Wouldn’t AD Plants be better as they aren’t releasing CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere compared with open composting?”

Q – “In Castle Cement they are using CHP by burning tyres. Do the stacks of EfW and Pyrolysis plants still produce dioxins?”

A – “Yes, some but they are highly regulated and monitored.”

Q – “How expensive is AD to run compared with an Incinerator?”

A – “It has cheaper set up costs than that of an incinerator – but only suitable for food waste.”

Q – “MBT is recovering plastics for diesel why isn’t the Welsh Assembly Government funding this technology – it works? It has all the necessary add ons i.e. Incineration, it is effective. They have it running effectively all over the world.”

*re: options evaluation & assessment – Health headline statement*

Q – “A sewerage works locally promised not to smell etc but in reality it is awful and smells. What guarantees are there that the proposed waste treatment facilities will be safe and work well?”

C – “The community was assured that there would be no harmful emissions from the Castle Cement Incinerator; however it has been closed down twice for breaching its emission limits. A facility in Neath has also presented problems – this sort of situation damages the publics perception of waste facilities.”

C – “We definitely need to adopt one of these technologies.”

*re: Planning implications*

Q - “Why are there 2<sup>nd</sup> areas of search based around Wylfa?”

Q – “What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> railway running through Anglesey – there isn’t one there!”

C – “We should be cooperating with neighbouring authorities to develop new facilities.”

C – “I suggest that films are made of each of the proposed waste treatment technologies to help educate people about them.”