
MINUTES OF THE NORTH WALES JOINT REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP
(RTG) HELD ON THURSDAY 29th AUGUST 2007 AT OPTIC CENTRE, ST
ASAPH BUSINESS PARK, ST ASAPH AT 12.30AM.

Officers present for: -

Denbighshire County Council

Mike Pender (MJP), Martha Savage (MS),(TH), Samantha Davies (SD) (Admin)

Conwy County Council

Ceri Thomas (CT),

Anglesey County Council

Mike Evans (ME)

Flintshire County Council

Gary Nancarrow (GN), Andy MacBeth (AM)

Wrexham County Borough Council

Wynford Rowlands (WR)

Gwynedd County Council

Dafydd Gareth Jones (DGJ)

Environment Agency Wales

Rhiannon Jones (RJ)

Cheshire County Council

Louise Hilder

Welsh Assembly Government

Jo Smith (JS)

1. Welcomes and Introductions

MJP welcomed the group to the meeting and stated that the turnout wouldn't be good as it's holiday season.

2. Apologies

Gareth Lloyd, Snowdonia National Park
Gwenllian Roberts, DE & T
Martin Williams, DE & T
Lee Marshall, Powys County Council
Sue Martin, Welsh Assembly Government
Alan Roberts, Denbighshire County Council
Gareth Lloyd, Eryri
Steve Parker, Denbighshire County Council
Mike Willis, CCW
Andy Rees, Environment Agency Wales
Mike Lloyd, Powys County Council
John Williams, Anglesey County Council
Cathy O' Brien, Environment Agency Wales
Katie Trent, Cylch
Adrian Jones, Welsh Assembly Government
Peter Evans, Gwynedd County Council
Raymond Roberts, CCW
Meirion Edwards, Anglesey County Council
Lindsay Wetherall, Conwy County Council

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The following need altering: -

Page 6 – WR stated that he asked and not stated that the attitude of DEIN had improved but no answer was given.

4. Matters Arising

MJP asked if the group felt that the Areas of Search should be used as a Development plan tool and not for Development control purposes. The group stated that their understanding also.

RJ asked if COB is providing MS with the import and export data. MS stated that this is in hand.

DGJ stated that the HIA does note the positives and negatives.

MS stated that the Convergence meeting is taking place on 10th September at 1.00pm in Trem Clwyd Offices, Ruthin.

MJP advised AM of the discussion at the previous meeting regarding convergence and that FCC could be part of the collaborative bid for North Wales.

MS stated that she has no more information on site visits that CIWM are arranging. Once there is something to tell the group she will advise accordingly. MS mentioned that there is a possibility of visiting Cilgwyn or the Llandulas site but will let the group know.

5. Update on the Regional Waste Plan

MJP stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the initial draft of the Regional Waste plan. MS stated that they will be holding community meetings and focus groups which are to be arranged. MS stated she would advise the group once these have been arranged.

6. Initial Draft of the Regional Waste Plan

The group went through the report and made the following comments

- There were come gaps in the report which need completing.
- The document was too long and could be split into three documents – Main Report, Technical Appendices and Executive Summary
- The document needs to be bilingual
- There needs to be a map for the rural and urban areas in North Wales
- The population has risen more than anticipated
- Need to highlight in the introduction that the waste document respects the administrative boundary
- Is the time table rigid? The time that the report needs to be looked at is tight
- The document will be part of a rolling review
- Will all three Regional waste plans be the same format

MS explained that the document is in draft format and is working progress. The final document will be bilingual but the consultation documents won't be as there are likely to be a lot of alterations. The group agreed that the Non-technical Summary should be translated.

RJ stated that it would be best to get comments from the Officers are unable to attend the meeting before the document can be altered. MS also added that she needs comments on the 1st draft as soon as possible so that it can be ready for the joint RTG and RMG meeting on 24th September.

ALL TO ACTION

7. Local Authority Update

Conwy County Borough Council

Nothing new to report

Denbighshire County Council

Nothing new to report

Gwynedd County Council

Nothing new to report

Flintshire County Council

Nothing to report.

MS asked GN if it would possible for him to pass the employment land info, the specific sites for the Regional Waste Plan as soon as possible.

Wrexham County Borough Council

Local Development Plan

Preferred Strategy to go to Executive Board for approval 31.7.07
Public consultation planned for September - November

Planning Applications

Hafod Landfill Site, Johnstown

Modification Order has been sent to Welsh Assembly Government for approval.
Several objections received. Public inquiry possible.

Pen y Bont Landfill Site, Newbridge

Application P/2007/0324 to vary condition on previous permission in order to permit continuation of landfill operations until 6.10.2015. Submitted 14.3.07. Not yet determined.

Astbury Landfill Site, Dark Lane, Burton

Application P/2007/0497 to vary condition on previous permission to allow for continued import and processing of inert material for the purpose of a revised restoration scheme. Submitted 16.4.07. Not yet determined.

Bryn Lane Recycling Centre, Wrexham Industrial Estate

Application P/2007/0694 for Waste Recycling and Composting Facility submitted 4.6.07. Not yet determined.

Brymbo Household Recycling Centre

Application P/2007/0693 for extension and redevelopment of site submitted 4.6.07.
Not yet determined.

Plas Madoc Household Recycling Centre, Acrefair

Application P/2007/0692 for extension and redevelopment of site submitted 4.6.07.
Not yet determined.

Cheshire County Council

Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan

The notice of adoption for the plan appeared in the press for two weeks from the 8th August 2007. This began the legal challenge period on the Plan which ends on 19 September 2007. Further information is available via www.cheshire.gov.uk/planning/wastelocalplan.

Clayhanger Hall Farm and Kinderton Lodge Landfill Applications

The Secretary of State's decision on both called-in planning applications is still awaited and is expected in September.

Ince Marshes Applications (Department for Trade and Industry (DTI) Application under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for a Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) Plant and Planning Application for a Resource Recovery Park (RRP) submitted to Cheshire County Council). The applicants have submitted a revised outline application for the Resource recovery park. Publicity on the planning application is due to start on Wednesday 8th August until Wednesday 29th August. The application can viewed at www.cheshire.gov.uk/Planning/Planning%20Applications or www.incerrp.co.uk. The application has been submitted to address a number of minor changes and details and also to provide other relevant information which was not in the previous appealed application. The site boundary has also increased to include access to the site. However the nature and type of proposed development does not significantly change from the original application. The consideration of the planning application by the County Council is scheduled for the Development Regulatory Committee on the 6th November 2007.

Applications outside Cheshire administrative boundary – Ineos Chlor Limited has submitted an application to the Department for Trade and Industry (DTI) for the development of an 'Energy from Waste Plant' at the INEOS site in Runcorn. It is for a combined heat and power facility to produce heat and steam to be consumed at the Runcorn site with a capacity of 360MW thermal and 100MW of electricity. Halton Borough Council is a statutory consultee on the application and considered their response to the application at their Development Control Committee in July.

8. Any other Business

Nothing to report

9. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is taking place on 24th September 2007 at 12.30 at the Board room in the optic centre, St Asaph Business Park.

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