

<b>Minutes of Energy from Waste Stakeholder Group Meeting</b>			
Date	20.01.2016		
Location	Committee Room 5, Town House, Aberdeen		
Chairperson	Pete Lawrence (PL), Aberdeen City Council, Waste Management		
Minutes	Pam Walker (PW), Aberdeen City Council, Waste Management		
Attendees	Linda Ovens (LO), Amec FW Andrew Giblin (AG), United Fish Industries Cllr Alan Donnelly (AD), Aberdeen City Council David Fryer (DF), Torry Community Council Gregor McAbery (GA), Friends of the Earth Joanna Mackie (JM), Aberdeen City Council, Communities & Partnerships Prof Rob Jackson (RJ), Jackson Associates Simon McClean (SM), Torry Community Council Ian Booth (IB), Aberdeen Heat & Power Hazel Stevenson (HS), Aberdeen City Council, Environmental Health George Smith (GS), SEPA Kevin Christie (KC), Aberdeen City Council, Domestic Energy David Dunne (DD), Aberdeen City Council, Planning Councillor Graeme Dickson (GD), Aberdeen City Council Councillor Steven Flynn (SF), Aberdeen City Council Sue Horrobin (SH), Aberdeenshire Council, Waste Management		
Apologies	Ray Grant, John Lawrie Group		
		Action	Responsible
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b>		
	Item 4 – financial savings for potential heat users - JM said that this was not an action but a comment and recommendation.  Otherwise the minute was agreed as a true reflection of the last meeting.		
	<b>Actions</b>		
	Identification of Chairperson (PL). This has not progressed, PL will chair tonight's meeting and discussions ongoing regarding chair. PL asked for suggestions from the group.	<b>Identify potential suitable chairperson(s)</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	Feedback on terms of Reference document for the group. <b>Covered on Agenda.</b>		
	Links to Committee reports on EfW to be made available to group. <b>Complete.</b>		
	SEPA/EH to be in attendance at each meeting. <b>Complete.</b>		
	Approach AHP for example costs re district heating. <b>IB has supplied some information, this will be further considered.</b>	<b>Further work on potential financial benefits.</b>	<b>PW/KC</b>
	Identify other community groups in the area. <b>PW met with JM and are discussing this. Information shared.</b>		
Aberdeenshire & Moray Councils to be invited to the meetings. <b>Complete.</b>			
Consultation report to be brought to next meeting. <b>Complete.</b>			
Investigate options for visits to EfW facilities. <b>Ongoing.</b>	<b>Arrangements for Site</b>	<b>PW/HL</b>	

	<p>Invite previous members of EfW study group to speak at meeting. <b>Complete – study tour was 2008, contact details not available but Cllr Finlayson was part of this group as a Community Council representative at the time and is also an invitee of the Stakeholder Group.</b></p> <p>Circulate Communications Plan prior to next meeting. <b>Complete.</b></p> <p>Investigate Options for Community Trust. <b>Ongoing.</b></p>	<p><b>Visits</b></p> <p><b>Investigate options for Community Trust</b></p>	<p><b>PW/JM</b></p>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Appointment of Chairperson/other office bearers</b>		
	<p>PL said that so far the idea of having a City Burgess as chair had not come to fruition and he was keen to get ideas/volunteers/suggestions from the group (covered under Actions).</p>		
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group Objectives &amp; Terms of Reference</b>		
	<p>To date no comments or feedback has been received on the Terms of Reference document for the group. Therefore the document is deemed to be accepted in its current form but comments still welcomed.</p>		
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Future Meetings: Topics for Discussion</b>		
	<p>A list of potential topics for discussion at the forthcoming meetings had been circulated via e-mail. The topics were:  Jan: Permitting, Monitoring &amp; Regulation  Feb: Traffic &amp; Transport  Mar: District Heating  Apr: Environment – Land, Air, Water, Conservation  May: Health Impacts  Jun: Consultation &amp; Engagement</p> <p>DF said that he felt health impacts were very important and should be discussed prior to the planning application being lodged.</p> <p>It was also felt that the environmental aspects had equal rating.</p> <p>JM suggested that as consultation and engagement was a critical part of the project this should also be brought forward.</p> <p>Agreed to re-order the topics:  Feb: Health Impacts &amp; Environment  Mar: Consultation &amp; Engagement  Apr: Traffic &amp; Transport  May: District Heating</p> <p>Amec FW will present information at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Prepare and present info on Health and Environmental Impacts for next meeting</b></p>	<p><b>LO</b></p>
<b>Item 5</b>	<b>SEPA's Role: Planning, Permitting &amp; Regulation</b>		
	<p>Prior to the presentation RJ asked if PL could give a quick run through of the planning process so that the group could better understand how it works. LO gave an outline of the process in terms of what is involved in a Major Application of this nature – pre-app, consultation, EIA (and what that involves). Timing – end of Feb is target for planning application submission, thereafter 8 week consultation period for public and statutory consultees, then determination and</p>		



	<p>sector in the north east of Scotland and this is of similar composition to household waste so there is opportunity to source additional material should that be required.</p> <p>LO said that the type of incinerator that can accept hazardous/clinical waste operates very differently to one designed for household waste so this type of waste could not be treated at this plant – this plant will burn at 850 degrees.</p> <p>Also noted that work on the Circular Economy, packaging, etc. would all impact meaning less materials are deemed residual although timescale and impact are impossible to predict.</p> <p><b>RJ asked if SEPA can be linked to the plant via telemetry?</b> GS said this was not a requirement but was possible. LO said that real-time monitoring is being proposed as part of the plant. PL said the intention would to have the data open to all for viewing – possibly on website, or display boards at the facility.</p> <p>DF made comparison with the difficulties encountered with the waste water treatment facility (WWTF) in that the community were made promises that were not delivered.</p> <p>RJ said that as this plant was under the control and ownership of the local authorities there should be more comfort that the facility would be delivered as promised/expected. PL asked GS to outline the differences in regulation between the WWTF and the proposed EfW – different regulations, much stricter regime for EfW (Part A PPC). GS said SEPA also don't wait for breaches in limits but will look for trends and question these where they arise before any limit is breached.</p> <p>GD said he had recently had the opportunity to visit a modern EfW and he was impressed by the level of control and technology that was employed at the facility. Any changes in operation or performance are quickly identified and rectified.</p> <p>AD said it is clear that we have to find some way of treating our waste.</p> <p>AG said the experience of the WWTF has undermined confidence in any facility in the area operating properly. He has direct experience of managing a PPC site and agreed that the process is thorough. May help if there were examples of good regulation by SEPA from elsewhere that could be shared? Agreed that this might be useful.</p>	<p><b>Identify some case studies of regulation activity</b></p>	<p><b>GS</b></p>
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<b>Item 9</b>	<b>AOCB</b>		
	RJ asked SH how the three Councils were working. SH outlined the recycling services provided by Aberdeenshire and how these were similar to that being proposed in Aberdeen.		
<b>Item 10</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>		
	GD suggested that 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb may not be a good date due to other commitments for the Council. It was agreed to look at an alternative. DF said it might be worth checking with the other CCs to see what suits them in case the reason they were unable to attend was the timing. PW will look into this and circulate DONM for February.	<b>Check with CCs regarding timing of next meeting.</b>	<b>PW/HL</b>