

MINUTE OF WEST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

10TH JUNE 2014, 7PM, LOGIE AND ST JOHN'S (CROSS) CHURCH

PRESENT:

Andrew McBride
Ian McKinlay
Jo Veal
Alan Young
Ann Prescott
Councillor Bill Campbell
Councillor Richard McCready
Councillor Vari McDonald
Councillor Fraser Macpherson
PC Bob Forrester
Sgt Donald Walker
Natalie Mackland
9 Members of the Public

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ken Laing, Environment Department
Janet Wade, Environment Department
Andy Malcolm, Environment Department

APOLOGIES:

Margaret Hubbard
Lawrie Edmond
James McGuire
Bernard Senior
David Webster
Andrew O'Malley

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Andrew welcomed all to the meeting.

2. IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC RECYCLING SERVICES PRESENTATION - KEN LAING, DCC, DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Ken explained that the Environment Dept needs to increase and expand recycling opportunities in order to achieve targets laid out in the Zero Waste Plan. By 2025 local authority areas are expected to be achieving 70% recycling of all waste. Dundee City Council authority area is currently sitting at 31.6%. Further to the Zero Waste Plan, the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 stipulate that authorities must collect metal, glass, plastics, paper and card by 2014 and food waste by 2016. In addition to this they are expected to promote high quality recycling by managing the process by which they gather recyclates.

Currently, 56,000 properties are offered the opportunity to recycle paper and card on a four weekly collection cycle. Metal, glass and plastic recycling is offered to 19,400 properties on a two and a four weekly cycle and a food trial of 2,900 properties has been operating since 2011 on a once or twice weekly cycle. In addition to this botanical waste is collected from 43,000 properties on a fortnightly cycle in summer and a four week cycle in winter.

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Residual waste is collected from 73,800 properties currently on a weekly collection cycle or more often as required.

Proposal to change was details as follows:

Blue bin recycling (currently paper and card only) to be increased to approx. 63,800 properties, list of recyclates increased to include metals and plastics within that vessel. These to be collected on a fortnightly basis.

The Internal Review Team will look at possible Eurobin locations where a Eurobin can be used to gather those recyclates.

Glass to be gathered separately but co-mingled from an estimated 58,000 properties on a four weekly collection cycle.

Eurobin locations will be considered to establish if there are any appropriate places where glass can be gathered and collected.

Food recycling will be offered to an estimated 58,000 properties with a weekly collection cycle and again there may be opportunities at some Eurobin/communal bin locations for food waste receptacles to be introduced.

Botanical waste collection will continue unchanged.

Residual waste from 73,800 properties will continue to be collected but on a fortnightly collection. It was argued that with the majority of households having increased capacity and more collections across the city the scope to move from a weekly to a fortnightly collection of residual waste will be adequate for the amount of residual waste left for collection.

The current siting of neighbourhood recycling centres across the city will be assessed as there may be scope to remove NRC's where better household recycling is available and to locate new NRC's where there are gaps. It is estimated that 10,000 properties will continue to need to be serviced by NRC's for plastic and other recycling, and an additional 6,000 properties will require NRC's for glass recycling.

A comprehensive survey of flatted and tenemental stock across the city has been completed and a database created. Environment colleagues along with Roads and Transportation colleagues are looking at localised solutions where properties are not conducive to the storage of a number of bins. Consultation will be required at a very local level.

The initial phases contained within the roll out starting later this year have been selected to allow the testing of the implementation of these proposals at a variety of different types of property.

The service will require an additional £350,000 revenue per year and capital spend will be in the region of £1.4 million over the life of the project.

In summary the City Council hope to achieve an increased and enhanced domestic recycling service, providing comprehensive city-wide coverage. Increased capacity has been calculated at an average of 10% by volume available to households and there will be an increase in the number of collections for the vast majority of people. It was expected that these changes will improve the recycling performance within the city by 2016/17 up to 53% from the current 31.6%.

Thanks were expressed to the Environment Department for their input.

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<p>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>Two points of accuracy.</p> <p>Apologies - Jo Veal was not at the last meeting but had intimated her apologies.</p> <p>Item 5 – it was suggested that the eco update should add in the word Solar Cities as the paragraph reads as if it were WECC undertaking this project.</p> <p>Taking into account the above amendments the minute was approved as being an accurate record proposed by Alan Young and seconded by Ian McKinley.</p>	
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Andy McBride has had some communication with the main objectors to the proposed planning application for flats at Taylor's Lane. One suggestion has been made of a bat roost within the property. Fraser Macpherson to ask the Planning Section to investigate this.</p>	Fraser
<p>5. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE</p> <p>Sgt Donald Walker confirmed that there had been 86 crimes in the area in the month of May. This included a number of domestic incidents. There were two bike thefts and a number of vandalisms to cars in Shepherds Loan and Taylors Lane. There was an incident of public indecency in Balgay Park, the individual was apprehended and has been dealt with through Offender Management.</p>	
<p>6. PLANNING UPDATE</p> <p>Concern was expressed about the proposal to reduce a section of Riverside Drive from four to two lanes of traffic. Concern focused on the likely impact this would have on Riverside approach where, at peak times currently, traffic is backed up. It was argued that If two lanes eastbound are reduced to one lane, the opportunity to join the traffic will be reduced even further, resulting in further tailbacks on Riverside approach.</p> <p>A vote taken by all present concluded that there was much dissatisfaction with the proposal but given that only four Community Councillors were present it was difficult to form a quorate viewpoint In order to raise a formal objection. It was agreed that Neil Gellatly, Head of Transport, will be contacted in order to raise Community Council concerns on behalf of the wider community in this regard.</p> <p>It was further agreed that Community Councillors will request a meeting with engineer/transport staff to look at the traffic modelling data which shows limited impact on Riverside approach following implementation of the proposed carriageway realignment. Fraser offered to arrange.</p> <p>Further concern was raised about the need for consultation with the Community Council when such proposals emerge.</p>	Fraser

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<p data-bbox="183 235 574 257">7. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p data-bbox="295 268 1220 324">Andy has received a public consultation document from the Boundary Commission. He will e-mail this to Community Councillors.</p> <p data-bbox="295 358 1220 414">It was noted that Friends of Balgay member Hilda Spears had passed away in recently. All expressed their condolences.</p> <p data-bbox="295 448 1220 504">Congratulations were expressed to WestFest who had yet again hosted an incredible Big Sunday event on 8th June.</p> <p data-bbox="295 537 1220 660">With this being the last meeting before the summer recess the Chair expressed his thanks to Community Councillors, tea ladies, to partner agencies, Police Scotland, local elected members and members of the public who continue to attend.</p>	<p data-bbox="1228 268 1340 291">Andrew</p>
<p data-bbox="183 683 630 716">8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p data-bbox="295 750 1093 784">9th September 2014 at 7pm in Logie and St John's (cross) Church</p>	