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NORTH WALES RESIDUAL WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held at County Hall, Mold on Thursday 13 December, 2012.

PRESENT: Councillor Eryl Williams (Chairman) – Denbighshire County Council

Councillor Aaron Shotton – Flintshire County Council

Councillor Kevin Jones – Flintshire County Council

Councillor John Chorlton – Isle of Anglesey County Council

Councillor Mike Priestley – Conwy County Borough Council

Councillor David Smith – Denbighshire County Council

Councillor William Gareth Roberts – Gwynedd County Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Flintshire County Council

Colin Everett, Carl Longland, Kerry Feather and Louise Pedreschi

Denbighshire County Council

Mr. Steve Parker

Gwynedd County Council

Mr. Dilwyn Williams

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Mr. Jonathan Eastwood

North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Partnership

Mr. Steffan Owen and Ms. Karen Powell

Partnerships UK

Mr. Huw Roberts

Cofely District Energy



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Dr. Nick Regan

Mr. Mike Smith

Mr. Talal Khan

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dave Cowans (Conwy County Borough Council), Andrew Kirkham (Conwy County Borough Council), Arthur Owen (Isle of Anglesey County Council) and Stephen Penny (Project Director).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Aaron Shotton declared an interest due to raising residents concerns, but this was agreed as not being prejudicial.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the North Wales Residual Waste Joint Committee held on the 1 August, 2012 were submitted for approval.

The Project Manager explained that information contained within minute number 9 was of a commercially sensitive nature and therefore had not been included in the agenda published on each Local Authority website.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no matters arising.



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4. PROGRESS REPORT

The Project Manager presented the progress report and stated that the project was progressing and was within overall budget.

Following the Joint Committee's decision on the 1 August, 2012 to select SITA UK and Wheelabrator to continue the procurement process, a public announcement had been made on the 22 August, 2012 informing the public that both bidders had proposed an Energy from Waste facility at Deeside Industrial Park. Dialogue had re-commenced with the two remaining bidders on legal, technical and financial aspects, further details of which would be provided as part of the procurement update report later in the meeting.

The Project Manager reported that there were no major issues and an update with regard to minor issues in relation to the project activity was as follows:-

- ID 98 – Draft readiness to close dialogue report. Work had commenced on the draft report.
- ID 99 – Project team session to review project risk register ready for submission to the Welsh Government (WG) as part of WG readiness to close dialogue review. A session had yet to be held and further details would be provided as part of the procurement update report later in the meeting.
- ID 103 – Arrange readiness to close of review with WG. This would be actioned in the New Year.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

5. RIR – RISK STATUS UPDATE



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The Project Manager presented a Risk Register report which highlighted some of the amendments to the risk register that had been made to reflect the current understanding of risks and mitigation measures that were in place.

Following discussion, the Project Manager said that he would review how the Risk Register report was issued and presented at future meetings for ease of reference for members.

RESOLVED:

That the updated Risk Register for the project be noted.

6. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The Project Manager updated Members on communication matters concerning the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project (NWRWTP).

Welsh Government meeting with Flintshire County Council Members

Councillor Kevin Jones provided an update following the Welsh Government (WG) meeting with Flintshire County Council Members. Jasper Roberts (Deputy Director for Waste and Resource Efficiency Department) had attended the meeting to talk to Members about WG's waste strategy and policies, with particular regard to residual waste. The meeting had been well attended and copies of the questions raised and answers provided would be circulated to all Flintshire County Council Members.

The Project Manager reported that Jasper Roberts had stated his willingness to attend future meetings with any of the partner authorities, as well as local town and community councils.

Member seminar with the Health Protection Agency on Energy from Waste facilities



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The Project Manager reported that dates had been set for a seminar for all partner authority Members on the subject of health effects from Energy from Waste Facilities where Professor David Russell from the Health Protection Agency would be in attendance. Councillor Kevin Jones proposed that all Members of partner authorities be invited to the seminars. The Chairman asked that a reminder be sent to all Members 2 weeks before the seminars.

Councillor Mike Priestley asked if a factsheet outlining specific information on the health effects from Energy from Waste Facilities could be provided to all Members of the Joint Committee prior to the seminars in order for them to be able to answer any questions from the public.

Communication and engagement strategy

The Project Manager reported that the Project Team had prepared an updated communication and engagement strategy for 2013 to take the project up to the appointment of a preferred bidder. A copy of the communication and engagement strategy had been attached at Appendix 3 of the report.

Councillor Kevin Jones asked whether there had been any engagement with local businesses currently operating from Deeside Industrial Park. The Project Manager responded that the Project Team had engaged with local businesses within the Deeside Enterprise Zone and Deeside Industrial Park and that this would continue.

Councillor Mike Priestley suggested that local Members of Parliament and Assembly Members be engaged as part of the process. The Project Manager explained that this would be led by the Lead Chief Executive, Colin Everett.

In response to a question on the engagement with Town and Community Councils, the Project Manager confirmed that following the appointment of a preferred bidder they would be expected to take an active role in engagement and



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consultation with the community including appropriate Town and Community Councils.

RESOLVED:

That the Communication Update be noted.

7. PROCUREMENT UPDATE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Nick Regan and Mr. Mike Smith from Cofely District Energy who were in attendance to provide a presentation on the Heat Study which had been carried out at Deeside. The presentation covered the following areas:-

- Aims of the Study
- Centralised power generation
- Combined heat and power
- Energy from waste
- District heat networks
- Options considered
- Key areas
- Recommendations

A number of comments were made around the engagement with large businesses on the Deeside Industrial Park and Colin Everett outlined his disappointment that it was felt Option 1 would not be viable.

Councillor Aaron Shotton arrived at the meeting at 3.00 p.m. and declared an interest due to raising residents concerns, prior to the debate continuing

Following the presentation, the Project Manager presented an update on progress relating to procurement aspects. He provided an update on the following areas, as detailed in the report:-



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- Procurement programme
- Progress in exploring options for a Community Benefit Scheme
- Particulate Monitoring (PM 2.5) Requirements

Colin Everett outlined his view that the industry standard quantum for community benefit schemes outlined in the report would not meet the aspirations of local stakeholders.

Following discussion, the Project Manager confirmed that he would inquire as to whether there was further up to date information on the average emissions performance of UK Energy from Waste plants.

A number of questions were raised around particulate monitoring requirements and it was agreed that the Project Manager should bring forward a further report to a future meeting outlining the costs of particulate monitoring at an increased frequency.

Councillor Shotton asked what actions would be taken if emissions were found to be at an unacceptable level. The Project Manager confirmed that the Environment Agency as the regulators would impose remedial actions to be carried out if emissions were higher than allowed. If appropriate action was not taken the Environment Agency could close down the facility and remove their permit.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report be noted; and
- (b) That a further report be presented to a future meeting outlining costings of increased particulate monitoring.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



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None.

Date of next meeting – 20 February, 2013 (Anglesey)

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