

Ansa Environmental Services Ltd (Ansa)
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, 16th March 2023 at 11.00

Present:

Cllr Steve Hogben, Chairman	SH
Cllr Arthur Moran, Director	AM
Cllr Mike Hunter, Director	MHu
Kevin Melling, Managing Director	KM
Jane Thomason, Deputy MD	JT
Melanie Henniker, Director HR & Corporate Services	MH
Tracy Baldwin, Group Finance Manager	TB
Cllr Amanda Stott, Chair CEC Finance Sub Committee (Observer)	AS
Lisa Collas, Community Engagement Officer (item 04 only)	LC

Other attendees:

Megan Bowyer, PA to MD (Minutes)	MB
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Apologies:

Ricky Griggs, Employee Representative	RG
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Agenda Item	Item Detail	Actions
01	<p>Welcome from the Chairman & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Steve Hogben chaired the meeting; he reported that due notice had been given and that a quorum was present.</p>	
02	<p>Declaration of conflicts of interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.</p>	
03	<p>3.1 Minutes of last Meeting The minutes of the board meeting on 16th February 2023 were accepted as being a true and accurate record.</p> <p>3.2 Matters Arising All Actions were completed as appropriate.</p> <p>SH commented that he had attended the pre-arranged MTFS briefing with CEC Officers and received more detail on the proposals affecting Ansa. He will be happy to share his notes offline if required.</p>	
04	<p>Future Waste Reduction Presentation</p> <p>LC, Community Engagement Officer from the Ansa Communications Team attended to give a presentation about the work that she carries out re waste reduction visiting community groups in Cheshire East and sharing tips.</p> <p>She explained about Ansa's five current campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave it loose -recycling and what happens to content of silver bins. Fantastic feedback from residents has been received. • Life with less plastic/single use plastic. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries – where the message is not to put them in bins • Life with less food waste – save money and not waste food • Composting at home – encouraging residents to compost at home <p>There followed a participatory session which proved very interesting with several different hints and tips being shared.</p> <p>SH asked if LC could share her tips for keeping food longer (life with less food waste) with the group. Action LC. He thanked her for the presentation, and all confirmed they found it very enjoyable and instructive.</p>	LC
05	<p>Operational Update</p> <p>Waste JT reported that bad weather last week, particularly in the East of the borough had affected waste collections as there were some areas that we couldn't access. She was pleased to advise that the backlog has been rectified and collections are now up to date.</p> <p>Street cleansing The Team is shortly to commence A34 and Macclesfield Silk Road cleansing and litter picking.</p> <p>Grounds The mowing season is about to start.</p> <p>Managers are focusing on MTFS project delivery, and this is taking up a significant amount of time.</p> <p>SH commented that with the start of spring there will be concerns about the impact of the MTFS plans on the green flag park locations and this will need special attention. JT responded that we will have less resources to do the same amount of work and we will need direction from the Council as to where we should prioritise efforts due to the budget reductions.</p> <p>A discussion followed. KM mentioned the need to recognise that £400K is being taken out of the budget. There will be resource shortages and we will be in transition with extra pressures on existing services. Hot spots will show themselves and we will work closely with the Council to resolve, whilst acknowledging it will be difficult and there are likely to be more complaints generated.</p>	
06	<p>Sponsorship – Middlewich Junior Cricket Club</p> <p>MH presented her report and recapped that in February 2022, the Board had delegated authority to the Management Team to consider requests for support from Middlewich organisations outside of the Charitable Giving Policy. This was in recognition of the fact that Middlewich is the part of the Borough most affected by Ansa's day-to-day activities. She advised that last year, Ansa supported Middlewich Junior Cricket Club, and in February 2023, Ansa was approached again to consider continued sponsorship. In the absence of any other such requests, the Management Team took the decision to take the Silver Sponsorship Package once more. She explained the benefits of this package and asked the board to note the contents of her report and the decision to sponsor Middlewich Junior Cricket Club using the silver package, for 2023.</p>	

	<p>MHu asked if that meant no other requests could be considered and MH advised that the policy allows for small donations of up to £200 providing the criteria is met and funding is available.</p> <p>Board Resolution – it was resolved to note sponsorship of Middlewich Junior Cricket Club using the ‘Silver’ package.</p> <p>MHu confirmed he had no interest or connection to the Middlewich Cricket Club.</p>	
07	<p>Employee Rep Matters RM did not attend. SH requested that he attends the next meeting in April.</p>	
08	<p>Any Other Business None</p>	

The Meeting closed at 11.52

Next Board Meeting: 27 April 2023 at 14.00