

Ansa Environmental Services Ltd (Ansa)
Minutes of Board Meeting on Thursday, 22nd September 2022 at 2pm
Microsoft Teams

Present:

Kevin Melling, Managing Director	KM
Cllr Steve Hogben, Chairman	SH
Melanie Henniker, Director HR & Corporate Services	MH
Jane Thomason, Deputy MD	JT
Tracy Baldwin, Group Finance Manager	TB

Other attendees:

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

Cllr Mike Hunter, Director	MHu
Cllr Arthur Moran, Director	AM

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. Accordingly, he welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open.</p>	
02	<p>Declaration of conflicts of interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.</p>	
03	<p>Minutes of last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the board meeting on the 19 July 2022 were accepted as being a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>None</p>	
04	<p>National Waste Strategy verbal</p> <p>JT advised that there has been no official update from DEFRA and nothing further to report at this stage. We will keep this as an agenda item and provide feedback when we have more information.</p>	

<p>05</p>	<p>Odour Issues and Community Liaison Group Meeting.</p> <p>KM reported that in August, just before the bank holiday and during the heatwave, we received our first reports of smells, which were identified as transient from vehicles leaving the site. The following week our own site started suffering due to record temperatures and a prolonged period of very hot weather which had degraded the carbon in the filters, faster than normal.</p> <p>Originally when the site was constructed, we expected the carbon to last for a year, but through experience we now see that it is likely to need changing every 3 to 4 months. Every month we do tests on the carbon to check how saturated it is getting, but it takes several weeks before the results are returned.</p> <p>We tried to fast track the replacement of the carbon when this incident arose, but the supplier could not accommodate our request. The Ansa Community Liaison Group discussed the matter in detail and the minutes of that meeting were published on the Ansa website. We also took steps to communicate regularly on the incident with the local community through social media. The Minutes and transcripts of the social media communications were shared with the board.</p> <p>We received several complaints from Middlewich residents following this incident.</p> <p>We are also aware that complaints about the odour have been sent directly to Cheshire East Council.</p> <p>KM concluded by saying that everyone involved with Ansa is keen to deliver to the highest possible standards and that Ansa will continue to do everything possible to minimise the risk of future events.</p>	
<p>06</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>6.1 Avian Flu in Queens Park, Crewe KM reported that several of the Canada Geese in the park have died recently and it was confirmed today that they were suffering from Avian flu. Appropriate notices will therefore be erected in the park to notify the public and we will comply with all DEFRA advice.</p> <p>6.2 ISO 450001, 90001, 140001 – KM was pleased to advise that a close-out meeting with the chief auditor was held earlier today following a detailed audit. From the wide scope in place for random sampling there was just one error identified in connection with how we book out pieces of equipment in grounds. We have been certified for a further period and it is a great testament to our teams. We received very positive remarks about the culture of the organisation stating that we are transparent throughout, going from top to bottom. SH remarked that it was a fantastic result, and he would like to send out a Chair’s message to say, ‘well done’. Action MH to arrange through the Comms team.</p>	<p>MH</p>

	<p>6.3 Environment and Communities Committee Agenda – maintenance of green spaces. SH advised that the accompanying report says that historically CEC has been maintaining over 500 small pieces of land which are not owned by the Council. A review is being undertaken. He wanted to bring this to our attention in case we were not aware.</p> <p>KM noted that this is a good step forward. Our Grounds team has been raising this matter and it is pleasing to see proposals to address it are being made.</p> <p>6.4 Junior Recycling Awards – SH asked if there was any update on the postponement. Action MH will check and update SH</p>	<p>MH</p>
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