



## Minutes of Waste Hub Liaison Group

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 5.30pm,  
Environmental Hub, Cledford Lane, Middlewich CW10 0JR

### Present:

Paul Cassell, Local Representative	PC
Kevin Melling, MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	KM
Jane Thomason, Deputy MD, Ansa Environmental Services Ltd	JT
Jonathan Williams, Town Clerk, Middlewich Town Council	JW
CLlr David Latham, Middlewich Town Council	DL
CLlr Mike Hunter, Cheshire East Ward Councillor	MH

### Apologies Received:

Helen Watkinson, Middlewich Town Council	HW
Simon McGrory, Local Representative	SM
Megan Bowyer, PA to Kevin Melling, (Minutes)	MB

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> KM declared the meeting open. Simon McGrory (SM) was suggested as a new resident representative. Attendees agreed; SM will be advised and invited to future meetings.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</b> <b>2.1</b> The Minutes from the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 19 were approved as accurate and correct.</p> <p><b>2.2 Matters Arising</b> <b>(i) Facebook Page</b> – The page is now fully operational. Ansa is actively posting on the page. e.g. Update on the Ansaersary – positive feedback. Update on the noise extraction system. DL advised that the number of complaints/comments he receives has now reduced significantly and he attributes that to the positivity that Ansa has demonstrated. He asked that thanks from the Action Against Ansa Group be conveyed and minuted.</p>	

	<p><b>(ii) Solar Panels</b> – KM provided an update. The panels are now installed on the Waste Transfer Stations and will be switched on shortly.</p> <p><b>(iii) FAB Festival</b> – DL remarked that Ansa supported the festival really well last year especially with regard to the litter collection. There was a request for TSS to support the event by providing a ‘round robin’ bus service. KM stated that this can’t be done successfully at such short notice, but we can look at it for next year and he is happy to facilitate a conversation with TSS who can advise different options.</p> <p><b>(iv) Waste in Hopper</b> – re waste reported coming out of the back of an RCV on Warmingham Lane on Tuesday 26th March. JT reported back explaining how the hopper in the RCV is on an automatic cycle to compact once 4 bins are presented. If 3 bins are presented and the vehicle moves off it is possible that waste would remain in the hopper and could escape. In these circumstances the crew should manually override the system. A reminder has been given to all crews to take this action and consider the impact on the environment if waste is left in the hopper even for a short time.</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Waste Collection Re-routing and Reorganisation</b>  JM advised of the knock-on delay to re-routing vehicles from Cross Lane and Warmingham Lane to Crewe to a new route because of the delay in Sydney Bridge roadworks being completed. This is now expected for the end of June.</p> <p>Meanwhile the larger re-routing and reorganisation of waste collection is now in its final planning stages with a target commencement date of November. It’s likely that we’ll start implementing new routes in late summer and then give them time to bed in and crews to become familiar with them by November.</p> <p>In November the new collection service combining garden and food waste is due to commence. The aim is to directly deliver as much food/ garden waste to the new composting site at Leighton rather than bringing it to the Environmental Hub. The new site is now taking shape and the project seems to be on track.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Environmental Hub Planning Amendments</b></p> <p>KM advised that Cheshire East Council has recently applied for two variations to the original planning conditions, one in connection with Waste and the other Noise reduction. Ralph Kemp, the Cheshire East Commissioning Manager emailed the Middlewich Borough councillors with details recently and KM promised to arrange for circulation of this email to all attendees after the meeting</p> <p><b>Action MB</b></p> <p>The first amendment is to condition 6 which it is proposed should now read (change highlighted in bold font) “ Nothing other than residual local authority collected municipal waste and <b>source segregated food and green waste</b> shall be accepted, processed or stored in the building”</p> <p>The second proposed amendment should read “.The waste transfer station – Recycling building hereby approved shall only be used for the purpose of waste reception, storage and export and shall not be used for any other waste activities. Nothing other than</p>	<p><b>MB</b></p>

	<p>organic green waste, <b>source segregated food waste</b>, co-mingled recyclable waste and waste from street cleansing operations...”</p> <p>Additionally there is a further application in the pipeline concerning a small change to the appearance of the exit vents on the roof of the transfer station to reduce the noise levels from the air filtration system.</p> <p>KM reminded attendees that from November onwards less vehicles will be operating from the site and that three years’ housing growth capacity has been added to the plans.</p>	
5	<p><b>Middlewich Community Issues</b></p> <p><b>Tree/shrub planting</b> - MH commented that he was still getting feedback about the quality of the planting at the side of the canal. It was agreed that the maintenance of the trees will help and growth will come. DL advised that in the meantime, residents would like green mesh draped from the trees.</p> <p>KM advised there would be fewer cars parked along that stretch of land after November due to implementation of the new rota system. He agreed to continue to monitor and review after the summer.</p> <p><b>Parking</b>- DL discussed parking off site on Cledford Lane and the recent Facebook post from a resident. Unfortunately neither this group nor Ansa have the authority to intervene; it’s an enforcement issue for Highways to resolve.</p> <p><b>Bridge Breakdown</b> –PC mentioned a recent breakdown of a Refuse Collection Vehicle on the Cledford Lane canal bridge which had inconvenienced residents; this was acknowledged but JT stressed that it was very much a one-off occurrence.</p> <p><b>Noise Suppression System</b> – fitting is scheduled for completion this weekend; two parts need fitting, one of which has arrived, but still awaiting delivery of the second part. If it does not arrive in time it will be fitted the following weekend.</p> <p><b>CNG Vehicles</b> – A discussion took place about the natural gas vehicle Ansa is currently trialling in Street Cleansing and Grounds in the south of the borough.</p>	
5	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Thanks</b> – DL asked for his thanks to be passed on to Charlie Griffies and Jo-Ann Hewitt for acting very quickly to resolve any issues brought to their attention.</p> <p><b>Weeds</b> - There was a brief discussion re Highways scheduled annual weed treatments.</p> <p><b>Fab Festival</b> – JW will donate a couple of tickets to the FAB Festival.</p>	

**The meeting closed at 18.30. Next Meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**