



Minutes of Waste Hub Liaison Group

Thursday, 28th March 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 Simon McGrory, Cheshire East Ward Councillor	SM
CLlr David Latham, Middlewich Town Council	DL (arrived at 5.45pm)

Apologies Received:

CLlr Mike Hunter, Middlewich Town Council	MH
Megan Bowyer, PA to Kevin Melling, (Minutes)	MB

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>KM declared the meeting open. He expressed condolences regarding the recent death of Suzanne Johns, one of the two local representatives.</p> <p>As agreed, a site tour was conducted prior to the meeting ; KM and PC attended.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>2.1 The Minutes from the meeting on 31st January 2019 were approved as accurate and correct.</p> <p>2.2 Matters Arising</p> <p>(i)Traffic Lights- KM confirmed that Highways department has now adjusted the timings and the 'All Red' period has been extended by 4 seconds. The loop vehicle detection system should pick up cyclists.</p> <p>(ii) Site smells – the carbon in the filters has now been replaced.</p> <p>(iii) Tree pruning – planting activity has not progressed as we are confident that now Spring is here coverage will improve. We will continue to monitor.</p>	
3	<p>Update on Cheshire East Public Consultation re Waste Collection Reorganisation</p> <p>KM issued copies of the public consultation outcome report that is now available on the CEC webpage and Middlewich Town Council's comments are captured. There is a</p>	

	<p>summary at the back of the report which shows the responses from each town within the Borough</p> <p>KM explained depot constraints e.g. 7am until 7pm working hours in the Waste Transfer Station. There is a need for an improvement to vehicle routing to reduce the numbers and a proposal to work on Saturdays was considered.</p> <p>Following engagement with Trade unions and Employees, Ansa’s proposal is for an extended working day but at this stage no Saturday collections are anticipated to form part of the normal working arrangements. The Depot would be operational on 5 days but Employees would work 4 extended days.</p> <p>Assuming this plan is accepted, locals should notice;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles won’t leave much earlier than they normally do; • Vehicles will be coming back later; • A reduction in the number of Refuse Collection Vehicles. <p>KM discussed the summary table within the construction response document which indicated an approx. reduction of up to 20% in vehicle numbers. Regarding composting, where possible this will be delivered direct to the Leighton Grange facility.</p> <p>DL raised the issue of household growth. KM explained we will build in approx. 3 years’ growth capacity to the plans.</p> <p>New methodology allows better utilisation of vehicles thereby allowing a decrease in vehicle numbers.</p> <p>Early feedback from employees is positive.</p>	
4	<p>Middlewich Community Issues</p> <p>4.1 Feedback</p> <p>Ansa is responding very quickly to any issues raised – road sweeping in particular has been noticed</p> <p>4.2 Waste on Warmingham Lane</p> <p>DL reported waste coming out the back of an RCV on Warmingham Lane on Tuesday 26th March. JT will investigate the vehicle. Action JT</p> <p>4.3 Site Noise</p> <p>This was reported by residents and discussed briefly at the January meeting although at the time we were unable to identify its source. KM advised that subsequent investigation has determined the source of the noise which is coming from the side of the Fleet workshop. The noise is being generated by the emissions extraction system kicking in and due to its intermittent nature has been difficult to identify. However, steps are now being taken to reduce the current levels. Orders have been placed with the supplier to retrofit noise suppression equipment to the system and will be fitted shortly. We expect that this additional work will resolve the problem.</p> <p>4.4 Residents call</p> <p>DL reported that Mr McKay has identified glass discharge, Booth Lane from Cledford Lane Bridge to Middlewich Town Centre. We will investigate the glass spillage and try and identify the vehicle.</p>	JT

	<p>4.5 Social Media MB to set up a Community Liaison Facebook Page. Action MB</p> <p>If residents ring the 0300 telephone number they will reach CEC who will log and supply a reference. A separate logging system will be established for Facebook and a summary of issues raised brought to group meetings for review.</p> <p>4.6 Solar Panel Application The planning application was discussed – there was no objection from the Town Council</p> <p>4.7 Harvesting Water from Roofs As part of the works being undertaken to the shed buildings along the southern boundary that have been retained from the previous site ownership Ansa is making arrangements for a surface water harvesting system to be installed that will collect roof water that will be used for the Street Cleansing vehicles.</p>	MB
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>5.1 Fleet Replacement Ansa has recently been trialling a CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) vehicle and is also considering electric lifts and electric Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs). Such vehicles would provide benefits for both noise and CO2 emissions. Possibly they could be retrofitted to RCV's although the infrastructure will need to be considered</p> <p>5.2 Noise Survey KM updated the group on the recent noise survey. Assessments have been done both day and night. One receptor exceeded the limit during the daytime test and Ansa is now working with CEC to ensure this is reduced to acceptable levels. It is anticipated that baffles will be fitted to the external flu system which appear as steel chimney stacks on each of the Waste Transfer Stations.</p> <p>5.3 Air Quality DL enquired about Air quality tests and was advised that the Council carry out tests on the Highways network and it is not something that Ansa perform.</p> <p>5.4 Middlewich FAB Festival Park and Ride JW asked about the provision for a park and ride for the Middlewich FAB festival due to take place on the weekend of 14th June. JT will pursue outside this meeting. Action JT</p>	JT

The meeting closed at 6,35pm Next Meeting to be held at end of May – date to be confirmed.