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A meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group was held at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, BELMONT WA 6104 on **Monday, 8 August 2011**. The meeting commenced at **6.02pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Committee Members

Mr Peter	Pearson	Chairman
Mr Berry	Ambrose	Member
Ms Ruth	Balding	Member
Mr Malcolm	Barker	Member
Mr Edwin	Dell	Member
Mr Anthony	Fowler	Member
Ms Dianne	Katscherian	Member
Ms Dot	Kingston	Member
Mrs Tina	Klein	Member
Mr Mark	Simpson	Member
Mr David	Strain	Member

Apologies

Mrs Sally Paulin	Deputy Chairman
Mr Ray Lewis	Member

EMRC Officers

Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Manager Project Development
Ms Lisa Griffin	Waste Education Officer
Ms Mary-Ann Winnett	Personal Assistant to Director Corporate Services
Mrs Annie Hughes-d'Aeth	Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

Consultant(s)

Ms Gae Synnott	Consultant, Synnott Mulholland
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3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil



5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 MINUTES OF WMCRG MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2011

That the Minutes of the Waste Management Community Reference Group meeting held on 9 May 2011, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

WMCRG RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR AMBROSE SECONDED MS KATSCHERIAN

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2011, WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Nil

9 REPORTS OF RELEVANT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

The Manager Project Development summarised the Environmental Protection Authority's suggestion on reducing the preferred technology options for the Resource Recovery Facility from four to two options.

The Manager Project Development referred to the Local Government Reform process and outlined the possible implications that may arise if the timeline for the Resource Recovery Project is delayed by 6 to 12 months.

10 REPORTS OF MEMBERS

A member referred to a recent overseas holiday in Spain and commented while in some areas there were high levels of recycling and community integration he also saw countrysides being desecrated with plastic bags. He reiterated his view that community support is needed to abolish plastic bags worldwide.



11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

The Manager Project Development provided an update on the project activities.

11.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE

The Waste Education Officer provided an update on waste education activities from May to July 2011.

- The 2011 Earth Carers Training Programme July 13 – July 23. The recently graduated group has been very active, volunteering for upcoming events such as the Royal Show, Gidgegannup Festival, Walk the Zig Zag etc, creating a share register amongst themselves, and offering workshops at their homes on permaculture with further advice on how to reduce waste;
- The Community Task Force (CTF) had a brief tour of the Education Centre at Red Hill on 7 July 2011;
- 19 additional tours took place at Red Hill Waste Management Facility & the Education Centre for community groups and schools over 3 months;
- Helena College year 11 students completed their annual 9 week project with the Education Centre focusing on Re-use art by constructing art pieces for the Education Centre Reuse Garden;
- Slow release reticulation has been installed around the garden in place of water tanks to trial the use of less water;
- Battery recycling – 9.87 tonnes of batteries have been collected this year. More schools have joined the recycling programme including Kalamunda Primary, Falls Rd Primary and Ellenbrook Christian College;
- Prizes were distributed to the top 3 schools for last year:
 - St. Peter's Primary (Bayswater) – Recycled raised garden bed;
 - Woodlupine Primary (Kalamunda) – Chook Pen materials; and
 - Greenmount Primary (Mundaring) – Recycled plastic water fountain for school grounds.
- Fluorescent Light Collection and Recycling Study and Trial are still continuing;
- Red Hill, Hazelmere, and Coppin Road transfer stations are now permanent drop off facilities for household hazardous waste (HHW) around the region. It is a free of charge service for residential amounts up to 20 ltrs or 20 kg, as it is subject to the State Government's funding arrangement for HHW in 2011; and
- The new Waste & Recycling Guides have been distributed by each of the member Councils to residents.

11.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Manager Project Development provided an update on community engagement activities and the status of the draft Community Partnership Agreement (CPA).

The CPA will be presented to Council for endorsement on 18 August, 2011. Once this process is finalised it will be distributed to WMCRG members.

The CTF will have their last formal meeting in two weeks and will be looking at the draft tender evaluation criteria with a view to providing feedback.



11.4 FUTURE ROLE OF THE WMCRG

Ms Synnott discussed the possible future role of the WMCRG.

The Manager Project Development indicated he would prepare a report to Council before the end of the year recommending the extension of the term for members of the WMCRG if they wished to renominate and asked for nominations. Ms Dot Kingston advised that she would not be renominating.

The Committee discussed the frequency of the meetings and agreed that quarterly meetings would be sufficient and members could be kept up to date via email in between meetings.

The Committee suggested that if there were any WMCRG vacancies that the CTF be given the opportunity to nominate before seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) but would need to keep the current level of membership and check regional representation. It is the preference of the EMRC that there is equal representation across the Community where possible but it was noted this is not easy to achieve.

11.5 WASTE AND RECYCLE CONFERENCE 2011

The Manager Project Development tabled the forthcoming Waste and Recycle Conference 2011 programme and called for nominations to attend, noting that subject to Council approval, up to four members could attend the conference.

The Waste and Recycle Conference 2011 will be held 14-16 September in Fremantle. WMCRG members that nominated for attendance were: Mr Dell, Ms Kingston, Ms Balding, Mrs Klein and Mr Simpson, any others interested were invited to email the Manager Project Development.

12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WMCRG

The next meeting of the Waste Management Community Reference Group will be held on **Monday, 21 November 2011** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6.00pm.

Future Meetings 2011

Monday 21 November at EMRC Administration Office

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.12pm.