

# **APSE Scotland Waste & Recycling Advisory Group Meeting**

**Friday 16 September 2016**

**Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling**

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr John Alexander, Chair of the APSE Scotland Advisory Group opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Stirling before outlining the agenda for the day.

## **2. Attendance & Apologies**

See attached list.

## **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

## **5. Perth & Kinross Council: Increasing WEEE awareness and collections – 2016 National Recycling Awards finalist**

**Speaker:** Yvonne Bell, Waste Minimisation Officer, Perth & Kinross Council

Yvonne presented to the group the Council's WEEE initiative in terms of engaging with local communities to reuse and recycle electrical goods. The presentation included information on the partnership between the Council and Electrolink which has included a range of communication and education tools such as the WEEE roadshows, teardown lab sessions at schools and Kelly the Kettle the WEEE mascot.

The council introduced 4 small WEEE banks which have been positioned at 4 recycling points across Perth and Kinross. The purpose of these banks is to enable householders to recycle their small electrical items without having to use a car to take these to one of the Council's recycling centres. Information on the results from the roadshows highlighted that WEEE collection has doubled in some areas and that they are helping to reach the 60% household recycling rate by 2020.

Yvonne also provided detail on their introduction of temporary recycling collections for one term at their schools. The whole community in and around the

area of the school was encouraged to separate their small WEEE items and bring along to the “WEEE term” collection point.

In relation to schools Perth & Kinross council undertook teardown labs which provided excellent hands on learning for secondary pupils focussing on the circular economy (one of the big areas for Scottish Government) as well as linking to technology studies, design, environmental science and business. The sessions have helped pupils to think about what’s inside their electrical equipment and how we should value resources and reuse where possible. As well as the introduction of “Kelly the Kettle” to primary schools to help inspire young pupils to recycle.

Yvonne completed her presentation by highlighting some of the promotional items and posters which had been used during the initiative.

## **6. The Household Recycling Charter Update & Developments**

**Speaker:** Stuart Murray, Sector Manager Household Waste, Zero Waste Scotland

Stuart provided the group with a presentation updating attendees on the developments which have taken place in relation to the Charter. Stuart began by providing a brief overview of the Charter and CoP as well as highlighting that 17 local authorities had now signed up to the Charter.

He then moved onto the current work underway in the form of profiling the implementation to align requirements as well as providing a detailed overview of how the process of the options appraisals and transition plans is progressing, including information on the transition plan evaluation.

There were questions from the floor including whether there would be any revenue funding made available. Stuart confirmed there would be capital funding and funding available to add benefit including training and communications.

## **7. Reducing glass collection noise risks update on dBin pilot**

**Speaker:** Tony Burns, Assistant Waste minimisation Officer, North Lanarkshire Council

Tony provided an update to the group on the NLC pilot to reduce glass collection noise. This included information the background to the introduction of the pilot which was introduced as a possible solution to a bin which was being emptied more often to reduce excess glass left in the surrounding area but was now causing noise when depositing. Tony then went on to provide some information on the details of the trial and the tweaks/ changes which the Council had made as the trial had developed. This included changing the position/ location of the bin, swapping the bin lid around to make it easier for emptying into the collection vehicle as well as providing the group with some photographs of the condition of the bin as the trial progressed.

He completed his presentation by highlighting that the complaints had now stopped and that initial findings were positive but only time would tell if the bins are resilient enough, as a long term solution.

**7. SWITCH update**

**Speaker:** Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE Scotland

Louise provided an update on the latest SWITCH information including the current industry priorities which were being looked at via the H&S working group and Education, Training and Competence working group.

Louise also informed the group that the Competence Framework & Assessment Tool and guides had received over 150 registrations throughout the UK.

**7. APSE National Update**

**Speaker:** Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE Scotland

Louise provided the APSE update including briefings; research including the new Scottish elected member research which is due for completion by the end of this year and the Sustainable local government finance and liveable local areas – Can we survive to 2020, now available; training and the APSE Energy programme.

**8. Issues affecting Service Delivery**

A round the table discussion was held on a number of recent APSE network queries. As well as specific questions from members of the group including whether other local authorities were receiving complaints for missed bin collections. As well as route risk assessments.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and will be taking place at the City Halls Glasgow (Old Fruitmarket), Merchant City.

**Waste & Recycling Services Group**

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**Attendee List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Richie Strachan	Angus Council
Louise Melville	APSE
Gillian Wilson	Clackmannanshire Council
Cllr John Alexander	Dundee City Council
Harry Hughes	East Dunbartonshire Council
Ross Lague	East Lothian Council
Stuart Wood	East Lothian Council
Scott Armstrong	Glasgow City Council
Colin Wilson	Inverclyde Council

Steven Andrews	North Ayrshire Council
Tony Burns	North Lanarkshire Council
Lynn O'Neill	North Lanarkshire Council
Yvonne Bell	Perth & Kinross Council
Craig Richardson	Scotland Excel
Cllr Alex McInnes	South Lanarkshire Council
Charlie Kelly	South Lanarkshire Council
Dave McPhail	West Lothian Council
Stuart Murray	Zero Waste Scotland

### **Apologies**

Malcolm Rae	East Ayrshire Council
June Ross	Highland Council
Andy Tuckwood	Highland Council
Paul Dougall	South Ayrshire Council
Gary Mooney	Scotland Excel