



## MINUTES

### LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Stephen Violi (Community Representative), Susan Forner (Community Representative), Wendy Borg (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

#### **STAFF**

Waste Operations Manager, John Roser, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Governance Manager, Leanne Austin and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Stephen Violi and Wendy Borg that apologies be received from Councillor Christine Stead and Brian Irvin (Community Representative).

#### **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Nil.

#### **3 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

#### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

##### **Pecuniary Interests**

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

##### **Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

##### **Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

John Roser, Brian Irvin and Stephen Violi declared general conflicts of interest. Committee members were advised that they would be required to complete conflicts of interest forms as required.

## **5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **CL01 INDUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – MANDATORY**

Leanne Austin, Governance Manager, provided an overview of the Committee induction process which Committee members may access on Council's website. Committee members are required to read the Code of Conduct policy and procedures, Code of Meeting Practice policy, Statements to the Media Policy, Social Media Policy, Information Protection Principles and Child Safe policy. Committee members are also required to complete the online policy acknowledgment form. Explanation was provided in relation to the requirement to declare any Conflicts of Interest Committee members may have in their consideration of Committee matters.

### **CL02 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Stephen Violi and Lisa Parker that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report.

### **CL03 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2025**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Wendy Borg and Lisa Parker that the following Committee Meeting dates for 2025 be adopted.

- Thursday, 5 June 2025
- Thursday, 4 September 2025
- Thursday 4 December 2025

### **CL04 RECYCLING BINS FOR BUSINESSES**

Waste Operations Manager, Mr John Roser informed the Committee that Griffith City Council offers a recycling service for businesses. Mr Roser explained that residential recycling services are mandated under the Local Government Act whereas commercial collection is optional. The commercial service is not mandatory however is available upon request, with appropriate commercial fees being charged.

The Committee agreed that Council should promote the commercial recycling service to local businesses and schools.

Mr Roser advised that, through available funding, Council is able to provide an education program to schools.

Mrs Forner enquired how many schools have taken up this initiative. This question was taken on notice.

**Action:** Council to promote the availability of the commercial recycling service to businesses and schools.

## **CL05 EXTENSION OF RECYCLING BINS INTO RURAL AREAS**

The Committee discussed the potential extension of recycling bin services into rural areas.

Mrs Forner suggested using a poll to gather data on the potential extension of recycling services to farms and businesses. Mr Roser advised that extending recycling bin services into rural areas would depend on neighbouring properties reaching a consensus to make the additional service viable. Mr Gordon informed the Committee that a poll had previously been conducted to assess the level of interest among residents in using recycling bins along a specific rural road. Based on the feedback received, Council decided not to proceed with implementation, as the data indicated insufficient support or demand.

The Committee also raised concerns about the recycling process, noting a general lack of public education on which materials are recyclable.

Mrs Forner requested that Council provide education to the community outlining the recycling process—from yellow bin collection through to the final destination. Mr Roser advised that recyclable waste is transported to Kurrajong in Wagga Wagga.

Mr Violi enquired whether general waste bin sizes or collection frequency would be reduced as part of the FOGO bin implementation. Councillor Curran advised that this would be considered as part of the FOGO project.

**Action:** Council to implement an education campaign about the recycling process.

## **CL06 FOGO BIN PROCESS**

Mr Gordon provided the Committee with an overview of the FOGO bin process, advising that the introduction of a FOGO bin service has been mandated by Parliament.

Funding is available to assist councils with community education and the purchase of FOGO bins. Council will consider the experiences and lessons learned from other councils that have already implemented the service.

Councillor Curran advised that grant funding should be applied for before the end of 2026, as it may not be available beyond that date. Mr Roser noted that Council will be meeting with grant officers next week to discuss funding options.

Councillor Dal Bon entered the meeting the time being 5:41 pm.

Councillor Curran advised that a communications plan will need to be developed for the implementation of the FOGO bin service.

Mrs Borg suggested that all promotional materials be translated into other languages to ensure all members of the community are informed about current waste collection requirements, as well as any future changes.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Wendy Borg and Lisa Parker that Council explore the options of providing a FOGO service to the Griffith rate payers.

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Committee Membership**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Wendy Borg and Susan Forner that Cate Yates be endorsed as a Committee member and the Terms of Reference be amended accordingly.

### **6.2 Access at Landfill**

Mr Violi raised concerns regarding the lack of wet weather access to the landfill, particularly for businesses required to comply with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A).

Mr Gordon advised that while the public can still access the transfer stations, access remains problematic for larger trucks carrying commercial waste.

Councillor Curran requested that options to address this issue be investigated.

### **6.3 Illegal Dumping Scenic Hill / Beelbangera**

Mrs Forner raised the issue of illegal dumping particularly at Scenic Hill and Beelbangera. Councillor Curran requested that members of the Committee report any illegally dumped rubbish to Council.

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Landfill FOGO Committee is to be held on 4 September 2025 at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:30 pm.