LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 4 April 2012.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair), Cr Stamolis, Paul Geraghty, Jane Mowbray, David Lawrence Steve Arnerich; Gillian Leahy.

Staff Present: Aaron Callaghan, Vince Cusumano, Jon Stiebel

Apologies: Francis Breen, Cr Gordon Weiss, Bronwen Campbell, Ian Poulton, David Wilson

Meeting Commenced: 6.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Kogoy performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Chairperson.

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora nation on whose Country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

BUSINESS:

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

ERC12/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/STAMOLIS

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Francis Breen, Cr Gordon Weiss, Bronwen Campbell, Ian Poulton, and David Wilson.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 1 February 2012

ERC13/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 1 February 2012.
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC14/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/ STAMOLIS

That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted.

Matters Arising

ERC47/10 – If additional monies are required for the community nursery then a budget bid be applied for as part of the 2012/13 financial budget process.

ERC15/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/ GERAGHTY

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Department of Primary Industries requesting a timeline for a declaration of Celtis sinensis as a noxious weed.

Action: Vince Cusumano

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

- Climate Change Balmain

A Sea Change movie event was held on 3rd April. Around a hundred people attended the event at Palace on Norton Street. The movie was a big success and was also funded through an environmental grant from Council. This was greatly appreciated. Well received by the committee.

- FOWCVP

Community Garden

Consultation on the proposed community garden at 25 Whites Street is proceeding. The draft garden plan has been reviewed by Council officers and there have been a few issues raised in relation to the proposal. The FOWCVP Group are concerned and are unhappy with a couple of the suggested changes which have been recommended and the group now needs to review the proposal.
Houses in Whites Street (marked for demolition)

The houses which are currently vacant are also being squatted in at present. This is a serious issue as the buildings have been handed over to Council. There have been some break-ins locally and the NSW police have been involved.

ERC16/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/LEAHY

A report to the next Ordinary Council meeting (May) is required on the demolition and when it will be enacted. The committee wants to see this occur ASAP before the end of this term of Council. The DA for the demolition needs to be enacted. A five line note is required from the Property Manager on where this process is up to and the timeline for demolition. The Committee also requested that the Mayor and the General Manager be advised of the urgency of this matter.

Glovers Community Garden

ERC17/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/LEAHY

That clarification be sought on the recent drainage works which have been undertaken at Glover Street adjacent to the Glover Street Community Garden and under whose responsibility the work was undertaken.

ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 7 March 2012

ERC18/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/MOWBRAY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 March 2012 be noted. (Attachment 1)

Matters Arising:

1. Cr Stamolis to Cr Kogoy – Budgetary Issue raised on the $1.1 or $1.2 million on climate change initiatives. Explanation was provided by Cr Kogoy and Jon Stiebel, Team Leader Environment Strategy.

2. A request from Cheryl Walker, LMC Waste Projects Officer, to contact Jane and Steve in relation to the collection/recycling of light bulbs (mercury issues).

ITEM 8
WATER SAVINGS ACTION PLAN 2012

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

2. The consultant will conduct water audits of Leichhardt Council’s top ten water consuming sites.

3. Subsequent to 2 above the Council staff will review the consultant’s report in June 2012 to ensure it complies with the NSW Government’s Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payments (WaSIP) and the goals and targets of the Leichhardt Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

ERC19/12 RECOMMENDED ARNERICH/MOWBRAY

That:


2. The consultant will conduct water audits of Leichhardt Council’s top ten water consuming sites and these results will be provided at a future Environment and Recreation Committee meeting.

3. Subsequent to 2 above the Council staff will review the consultant’s report in June 2012 to ensure it complies with the NSW Government’s Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payments (WaSIP) and the goals and targets of the Leichhardt Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

4. Council investigate restarting the interest free water tank loan programme for the community.

ITEM 9
UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council note that progress is being made in relation to the Living Streets program including works to improve Taylor Street and expand the playground. In conjunction with this work a neighbourhood sustainability network is being established.

2. Council note that the Footprints Film Festival and Eco Festival planning are both underway and Treading Lightly events have been organised from January to June 2012.

3. Council note that actions are being carried out to implement the Environmental Engagement Strategy to support the community with sustainable education.
ERC20/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/ LEAHY

That:

1. Council note that progress is being made in relation to the Living Streets program including works to improve Taylor Street and expand the playground. In conjunction with this work a neighbourhood sustainability network is being established.

2. Council note that the Footprints Film Festival and Eco Festival planning are both underway and Treading Lightly events have been organised from January to June 2012.

3. Council note that actions are being carried out to implement the Environmental Engagement Strategy to support the community with sustainable education.

4. That Footprint Eco festival be investigated to be held in August 2012 and that this matter be raised and clarified by Councillors with the General Manager.

5. That arrangements for this event be brought back to the committee for future consideration.

ITEM 10
UPDATE REPORT FOR INFORMATION ONLY RE CALLAN PARK PLAYING FIELDS

ERC21/12 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/MOWBRAY

That the committee note the attached Mayoral minute from the March 2012 Ordinary Council Meeting in relation to sporting field provision and future sporting field upgrade works at Callan Park. The report highlights the progress which is being made in this area as well as the steps which are being initiated by Council in relation to enabling future use of the Balmain Road Playing field. (Attachment 2)

ITEM 11
OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Committee has requested a short report and update on the ewaste process and why Leichhardt Council cannot have a pick up service for televisions like other neighbouring Councils i.e. Marrickville.

2. The Committee has requested that Council write to AUSGRID in relation to the butchering of street trees in the Leichhardt Council area. As part of the community information process Council issue phone and email numbers for AUSGRID contact details as well as document this issue in the Council newsletter.
ITEM 12
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 June 2012 at 6:30pm.

Future Meetings for 2012:

6 June
1 August
3 October
5 December

Meeting closed at 8:40pm
Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 7 March 2012.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillors: Rochelle Porteous, Daniel Kogoy

Staff: Jon Stiebel, Guido den Teuling, Peter Cormican, David Marshall

Community: Marghanita Da Cruz, Lea Richards

Meeting Commenced: 6:30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Porteous performed acknowledgement of country.

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BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Weiss, Cr Stamolis, Stephen Arnerich, Richard Dudley-Smith, Peter Gainsford and Peter Conroy.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS - Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:  7 December 2011

Recommended Da Cruz/Porteous

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 7 December 2011 be accepted.
ITEM 4  
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - Nil

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

That a report be brought back to the committee on the budget and implementation timeline for the PV projects included in the draft Climate Change Strategy including the Rozelle Bay Native Nursery.

ITEM 5  
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

That the information in the summary of resolutions be received and noted.

ITEM 6  
CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY (MITIGATION) IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

That the report is received and noted.

Recommended Kogoy/Porteous

1. That the report is received and noted.

2. That a timeline for the implementation of the Draft Climate Change Strategy energy saving initiatives (adopted December 2011 Ordinary Meeting) be presented to the committee.

ITEM 7  
SSROC STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Recommended Kogoy/Da Cruz

That the committee receive and note the report.

ITEM 8  
VERBAL UPDATE ON PV INTERPRETIVE DISPLAYS

Council’s Technical Officer provided a presentation to the committee on the implementation of an onsite and web-based PV monitoring, reporting and interpretation system for council PV projects (refer attached presentation – Attachment 1).
ITEM 9
THE 10% CHALLENGE LETTER TO MAYOR

Officer Recommendation

That the committee consider the letter to Cr Jamie Parker regarding the 10% challenge.

Recommended Porteous/Kogoy

1. That Leichhardt Council accept the “Do Something Foundation 10% challenge”.
2. That the response includes that Leichhardt Council intends to achieve well above a 10% emissions reduction target.
3. That the response from Council to the 10% challenge includes a recommendation that campaign wording be changed to reducing emissions, energy and fuel use by at least 10% and that the campaign encourages the adoption of time-bound targets.

Attachment 2 – copy of letter

ITEM 10
COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRANTS

Officer Recommendation

That the committee receive and note the report.

Recommended Porteous/Kogoy

That Leichhardt Council submit a grant application to the Federal Government Community Energy Efficiency Program for the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre cogeneration project.

ITEM 11
VERBAL UPDATE MAY CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

Recommended Porteous/Kogoy

That a further update on the arrangements for the upcoming Climate Change forum be given to the April Environment and Recreation Committee meeting. (Attachment 3 - presentation)
ITEM 12
EARTH HOUR EVENT 2012

Officer Recommendation

That the committee note and support the Earth Hour activities detailed in this report.

Recommended Porteous/Kogoy

1. That the committee note and support the Earth Hour activities detailed in this report.

2. That the Mayor writes to all businesses on the high streets in the municipality inviting to participate in Earth Hour.

ITEM 13
OTHER BUSINESS

The Team Leader Environmental Strategy gave a quick update and presentation on the timetable for completion of the remaining sections of the Climate Change Strategy.

The remaining sections in development include corporate and community adaptation and capacity building.

Corporate Climate Change Mitigation actions are complete and being implemented.

A timetable for strategy completion was provided and is attached. (Attachment 4)

ITEM 14
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on 2 May 2012.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2012

2 May
4 July
5 September
7 November

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm
PV monitoring for Council properties

07 March 2012
Overview

- Schematics
- Timeline
- Products
Timeline

- Request for quote to 3 installers by 9 March 2012
- Written proposals to be received on 16 March 2012
- Work to be completed by 30 April 2012
Products: Environmental data

Sunny SensorBox

Measures environmental data:
- Solar irradiation
- Sun intensity
- Module temperature
- Ambient temperature
- Wind speed values
Products: Data collection

Sunny WebBox

Automatic monitoring of up to 50 inverters;
Collects data and pushes it to online platform
Wireless connection possible
Products: Data display

FlashView

Indoor display of:
- Output
- Yield
- Environmental and local data
Products: Data display

Sunny Matrix
Outdoor display for all PV systems
1 February 2012

SUBJECT: 10% CHALLENGE

Dear Councillor Parker,

We would like to invite you and your fellow Councillors to support an important initiative, The 10% Challenge.

As leaders in each of our communities, we are increasingly aware of the risks and challenges facing us from the threat of climate change and the increasing concern over the rising cost of energy and fuel. That’s why we have committed, on behalf of the councils we represent, to take The 10% Challenge.

Initiated by Jon Dee, founder of Planet Ark and the Do Something Foundation, The 10% Challenge is simple. To take part in the challenge, a local council agrees to work towards either:

• reducing its emissions by 10%; or
• reducing its energy and fuel use by 10%.

Woollahra, Waverley and Randwick councils, through the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Program, have accepted The 10% Challenge.

The 10% Challenge will work alongside our existing carbon reduction actions and strategies.

It’s not just about reducing our own organisations’ emissions and consumption, it’s also about the important role we play in our community. We have the opportunity to demonstrate responsible leadership and encourage our staff, residents, local businesses and schools to take The 10% Challenge alongside us.

To participate and register in The 10% Challenge visit www.10percentchallenge.com.au. You’ll also find a wide range of information, as well as tips and advice to make it easy for your community to take part and start saving too. Alternatively, you can contact Jon Dee directly at Do Something! via jon.dee@dosomething.net.au.

We look forward to seeing many more local councils joining us to save money on energy and transport costs whilst helping the environment at the same time.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Susan Wynne
Mayor of Woollahra

Cr Scott Nash,
Mayor of Randwick

Cr John Wakefield
Mayor of Waverley
Climate Change Forums

• As resolved: Forum on Sustainable urbanism
• Objective of the forums are to support the objectives of the Integrated Planning Framework (Strategic Service Plans)
  • Community and Cultural Plan
  • Integrated Transport Strategy
  • Environmental Sustainability Strategy
  • Employment and Economic Development Strategy
Forum to support Strategic Objectives

- Create safe pedestrian and cycling environment (ITP)
- Promote health and wellbeing (ITP)
- Connecting people to each other (CCP).
- Connecting people to place (CCP).
- Reducing environmental footprints – water, energy, biodiversity, waste, pollution and emissions (ESS)
Format

• Speaker from UTS Institute of Sustainable Futures

• New ideas to reinvigorate the series
  – Propose to include appropriate films as well as speakers
  – Recommend consider venue change - Palace Cinema worked well for Treading Lightly launch – v comfortable, good acoustics, good visibility, ability to integrate short films into the format
  – Main speaker facilitate more structured discussion

• Q&A / close
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MAYORAL MINUTES

ITEM 1  BALMAIN ROAD PLAYING FIELD, CALLAN PARK

On Friday 23rd of March 2012 Council received correspondence (Attached) from the General Manager of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) advising Council that the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure has given in principal support for Leichhardt Council to assume temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Playing field at Callan Park pending the outcome of the NSW Government’s review of the Callan Park Master Plan.

This news is to be welcomed by Council and the community as a whole. The provision of this sporting field will assist in addressing highlighted deficiencies in sporting ground provision and recreational facilities for our local community. Deficiencies which been recognised and documented by Council in its adopted Recreation and Needs Study 2005.

The correspondence received from SHFA builds on the positive relationship which has been fostered over the last few years between Council and SHFA in relation to management issues at Callan Park and importantly it also acknowledges the development of the Master Plan for Callan Park by Council which is responsive to identified community needs.

SHFA has highlighted that the temporary licence agreement is subject to a number of key planning issues being addressed by Council and confirmation that the Balmain and District Football Club have come to an arrangement with Council in relation to the use of suitable alternative playing fields for the 2012 winter season.

In respect to the alternative arrangements Council is asked to note that through the assistance of the APIA Leichhardt Football Club and their willingness to relocate their junior teams from Leichhardt 2 on Saturday, an arrangement has been secured for the Balmain and District Football club to use this field on Saturday mornings and Leichhardt Number 3 on Sundays (if required). This also allows Council to move forward with the development of the Glover Street Playing field at Callan Park in the 2012 winter season. Importantly it also allows Council detailed time in which to undertake strategic master planning and budgeting for the proposed sporting field at Balmain Road, the upgrading of much needed public amenities and adequate community consultation which is needed with respect to future use and access. The costs associated with the development of a full sized playing field at Balmain Road have been identified at $500,000. Council officers have identified opportunities where possible grant funding support may
be forthcoming to support Council’s development of the Balmain Road Playing field and these should be applied for at the earliest opportunity.

SHFA has also highlighted that the Authority will require as part of the temporary license agreement that Council undertake an Expressions of Interest process to ensure equitable access to the playing field for the community and develop a traffic management plan for the Balmain Road field. Council is infact, already committed to developing a traffic management plan for the whole of the Callan Park site and the preliminary work on this is underway.

C69/12 RESOLVED PORTEOUS

$ That Council welcome the favourable response which has been received from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in relation to temporary, care, control and management of the Balmain Road Playing field at Callan Park.

$ Council note the alternative arrangements which have been reached with the Balmain and District Football club in relation to access to Leichhardt 2 and 3 Playing fields for the 2012 winter sporting season.

$ Council note and acknowledge the community spirit and support which the APIA Leichhardt Football Club has provided to Council in making alternative arrangements to support junior sporting use of Leichhardt Number 2 by the Balmain and District Football club for the 2012 sporting season.

$ That a report be brought to April Ordinary meeting on the development of the Traffic Management Plan for Callan Park with the required budget and identified funding.

$ That Council commence an Expressions of Interest process with local sporting clubs for the Balmain Road playing field.

$ Subject to execution of the license agreement for the temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Playing field at Callan Park, that Council budget the required $35,000 for the upgrading and refurbishment of public toilets adjacent to the Balmain Road Playing field, to be made available to all park users, and that such works be carried out in 2012/13 financial year.

$ Subject to execution of the license agreement for the temporary care, control and management of the Balmain Playing field, that Council budget the required funding of $500,000 for the development of the full sized playing field as adopted in the Callan Park Master in the 2012/13 financial year.
Council identify and seek grant funding support for the development of the Balmain Road Playing field which is responsive to adopted Master Planning principals for Callan Park

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