MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 2 April 2014.

Present at the meeting: Cr Frank Breen, Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford, Cr Rochelle Porteous, Angela Michaelis, David Lawrence, Paul Geraghty, Koko Clark, Nadine Wagstaff, Bronwen Campbell

Apologies: Jane Mowbray, Cr Craig Channells

Staff Present Richard Jarvis, Jon Stiebel, Emily Williams, Cheryl Walker, Allan Willding

Meeting commenced: 6:30pm
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

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

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

ERC 13/14 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/LAWRENCE

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of Cr Craig Channells and Jane Mowbray.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Angela Michaelis declared she is a member of the community group Climate Change Balmain Rozelle who have submitted grant applications that are being determined by the committee this evening.

ITEM 3
VERBAL PRESENTATION FROM ALLAN WILLDING RE LEICHHARDT COUNCIL PLASTIC BAGS INITIATIVES

ERC 14/14 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/GERAGHTY

That Council campaign to ban plastic shopping bags and urge the NSW Government to introduce Container Deposit Legislation and in doing so:

1. Council writes to the NSW Minister for the Environment asking that the Government pass legislation to ban Plastic Shopping Bags in NSW.

2. Council writes to the NSW Minister for the Environment asking that the Government pass legislation to introduce Container Deposit Legislation.

3. That information be included in Council E-News, Sustainability E-News and other appropriate Council media encouraging residents to write to the NSW Government urging that legislation is introduced to ban Plastic Shopping Bags in NSW and that Container Deposit legislation is introduced.

4. That Council include information on plastic bag reduction on its website.
ITEM 4
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 5 February 2014

ERC 15/14 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY/KOGOY

That the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 5 February 2014 be received and noted.

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Note: The summary of resolutions generated discussions on the problem of dog owners not properly disposing of dog waste and issues with human defecation within the garden beds at Elkington Park. The potential for carpark shading with solar panels (a solar shading canopy) within the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre car park was also discussed.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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

ERC 16/14 RECOMMENDED CAMPBELL/PORTEOUS

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

2. That Council write a letter to the Sydney Harbour Foreshores Authority requesting that additional bags and bins are installed in Callan Park for the proper disposal of dog waste.

3. That information is provided in the Council e-news and other appropriate media encouraging residents to dispose properly of dog waste.

4. That Council’s compliance officers use their regulatory powers to enforce laws regarding properly disposing of dog waste in the Leichhardt LGA.

5. That Council investigate the feasibility of a composting toilet and other appropriate solutions at Elkington Park in relation to human defecation within the garden beds.

ERC 17/14 RECOMMENDED MICHAELIS/HANNAFORD

6. That the feasibility of a solar shading canopy be investigated as part of any proposal to upgrade the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Car Park.

ITEM 6
CORRESPONDENCE
Nil
ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 5 MARCH 2014

ERC 18/14 RECOMMENDED GERAGTHY/PORTEOUS

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 March 2014 be received and noted. (Attachment 1)

ITEM 8
ENVIRONMENT GRANTS PROGRAM 2013/14 – ROUND 2

Cr Kogoy declared a potential pecuniary interest as he works in the solar industry and excused himself from the meeting. Cr Breen took the chair.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note that the Environmental Grants have been aligned with the strategic objectives of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

2. That the following groups be allocated grants totalling $7,500 for the 2013/14 financial year under the Environmental Grants Program – Round 2, as follows:

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3. That feedback from Council officers be given to Climate Change Balmain Rozelle regarding the application “Solar laggards to Solar Leader” and that they are eligible to re-submit their application to the next round of Environmental Grant funding.

4. That feedback from the committee on the grants determination process includes that full copies of Grant Applications should be made available to the committee when determining the successful grants and that consideration be given to asking applicants to present their proposed projects to the committee as part of the grants determination process.

Cr Kogoy returned to the meeting at 7.50 and took the chair

ITEM 9
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Angela Michaelis generated a discussion regarding Eco-Transit’s proposal for extension of the light-rail to Balmain and Barrangaroo and asking what is Council’s position on this proposal.

ERC 20/14       RECOMMENDED       MICHAELIS/KOGOY

That Council revisit their position regarding the proposal for the extension of the light-rail to Gladstone Park Balmain as recommended by Officers within the Draft Integrated Transport Plan and that Council supports the inclusion of the Gladstone Park Station; noting that this station could be part of a loop to the city.

NB: Cr Hannaford & Cr Breen did not support the recommendation.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Footprints Eco-festival

Emily Williams informed the committee that the Footprints Eco-festival is programmed for Sunday 24 August 2014.
10.2  **Community Engagement and Participation Plan to Increase Food Recycling in Multi-Unit Dwellings**

Allan Willding, Manager Works and Waste Services provided an overview and asked the committee to consider the Community Engagement and Participation Plan to Increase Food Recycling in Multi-Unit Dwellings.

**ERC 21/14**  
**RECOMMENDED**  
**KOGOY/MICHAELIS**

That Council endorses the Community Engagement and Participation Plan to Increase Food Recycling in Multi Unit Dwellings.

10.3  **Tidal Markers Balmain**

Daniel Kogoy commented that sea-level rise markers have been removed in Balmain as a result of refurbishment to the Ferry Wharves.

**ERC 22/14**  
**RECOMMENDED**  
**KOGOY/GERAGHTY**

That Council investigate the removal of sea-level rise markers as a result of refurbishment to Ferry Wharves in Balmain and makes recommendations for their reinstatement.

10.4  **Dulwich Hill Light Rail Extension**

Paul Geraghty reported that the Dulwich Hill Light Rail extension is operational and gave a positive account about the opening morning of the Light Rail.

**ITEM 11**  
**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 June 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm
ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 5 March 2014.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillors: Cr Craig Channells

Community: Paul Geraghty, Angela Michaelis, Gavin Gilchrist, Richard Dudley-Smith, Andrew Fraser, Coco Clark

Staff: Jon Stiebel, Rochelle Phillis

Meeting commenced: 6:33pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Channells performed acknowledgement of country.

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BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

CCTF 01/14 RECOMMENDED CHANNELLS / GERAGHTY

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of: Cr Porteous, Cr Kogoy, Cr Frank Breen, Marghanita da Cruz and Lea Richards.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS – Nil
ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 December 2013

CCTF 02/14 RECOMMENDED MICHAELIS / CHANNELLS

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 4 December 2013 be received and noted.

ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

CCTF 03/14 RECOMMENDED CHANNELLS / GERAGHTY

That the Climate Change Taskforce thanks Allan Willding and Cheryl Walker for their excellent presentation to the Environment and Recreation Committee in February on resource recovery and waste.

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CCTF 04/14 RECOMMENDED CHANNELLS / GERAGHTY

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

ITEM 6
LEICHHARDT COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE (CAPITAL WORKS)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note that tenders have been awarded for the installation of Photovoltaic Systems on four council sites as per the Climate Change Plan.

CCTF 05/14 RECOMMENDED CHANNELLS / MICHAELIS

That Council:

1. Receive and note that tenders have been awarded for the installation of Photovoltaic Systems on four council sites as per the Climate Change Plan.

2. That an update be provided to the next Climate Change Taskforce Meeting on the status of plans for the LPAC program pool enclosure upgrade.
3. That when the program pool is upgraded it includes renewable energy systems, such as solar PV, solar thermal.

4. That if budget and operational capacity allows, the Leichhardt Oval PV project detailed within the Climate Change Plan, be brought forward.

ITEM 7
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM GRANT

CCTF 06/14 RECOMMENDED CLARK / GILCHRIST

1. That Council note the award of the Local Government Energy Efficiency Program (LGEEP) grant for $50,590 and that work has commenced for completion end of May 2014.

ITEM 8
OUR ENERGY FUTURE RENEWABLE ENERGY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

CCTF 07/14 RECOMMENDED GILCHRIST / CHANNELLS

1. That the Climate Change Taskforce receives and notes progress with implementing the Our Energy Future Renewable Energy Master Plan Initiative.

ITEM 9
2014 CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM UPDATE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the program for the upcoming Climate Change Forum, ‘Sustainable City Living’, to be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014.

CCTF 08/14 RECOMMENDED GERAGTHY / FRASER

1. That Council notes the program for the upcoming Climate Change Forum, ‘Sustainable City Living’, to be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014.

2. That promotional information on the LPAC cogeneration system be made available at the upcoming ‘Sustainable City Living’ Climate Change Forum.

3. That an update be given to an upcoming Climate Change Taskforce on the performance of the LPAC cogeneration system
ITEM 10
EARTH HOUR 2014

CCTF 09/14 RECOMMENDED CHANNELLS / CLARK

1. That Council notes the program for the upcoming Earth Hour on Saturday 29 March 2014.

ITEM 11
OTHER BUSINESS
Nil

ITEM 12
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 4 June 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.