LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 5 December 2012.

Present at the meeting: Cr Rochelle Porteous, Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Bronwen Campbell, Jane Mowbray, Paul Geraghty, Gillian Leahy, Beverley Maunsell, David Lawrence, Warren Moss, John Stamolis

Apologies: Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Frank Breen, Aaron Callaghan

Staff Present: David Wilson, Jon Stiebel, Vince Cusumano

Apologies:

Meeting Commenced: 6:38pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Vera Ann Hannaford Cr Kogoy performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as Acting 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

ERC48/12 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE / HANNAFORD

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Frank Breen and Aaron Callaghan.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 3 October 2012

ERC49/12 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / LAWRENCE

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 3 October 2012.
2. That Council investigate provision of school netball for joint use as a matter of urgency (refer to point 5) and report back to the Environment and Recreation Committee Ref ERC25/11. Include a list of existing Council netball/basketball courts.

3. Report to next meeting on status of the bushcare offsetting program.

4. Agendas need to be sent our earlier.

ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC50/12 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / LAWRENCE

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

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE – LETTER TO AUSGRID RE TREE TRIMMING

ERC51/12 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE / STAMOLIS

1. That copy of letter response to AUSGRID regarding the ongoing poor tree trimming practices in the Leichhardt Local Government Area be received and noted

2. That a report be brought to the next meeting that nominates a list of streets with significant street trees.

ITEM 6
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 7 NOVEMBER 2012

ERC52/12 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY / PORTEOUS

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

2. That banners advertising this award be placed at locations in the municipality.

ITEM 7
VERBAL REPORT – DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

ERC53/12 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / LAWRENCE

1. That the verbal report regarding the Draft Climate Change Strategy be received and noted.
ITEM 8
TREATMENT OF CHINESE TALLOW TREES FOR PINK WAX SCALE

ERC54/12 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY / LAWRENCE

1. That Council adopt the inclusion of the three trees outside 26, 32 and 44 Arthur Street, Leichhardt in the first stage of sequential tree removal and replacement works for Arthur Street, Leichhardt.

2. That new suggested replacement species be provided to residents prior to the Street Tree Planting Season in Autumn of 2013.

3. That Council monitor the current number of Chinese Tallow Trees affected by pink wax scale for any signs of new scale and that treatment not be carried out with Silva Shield until the pest presents itself.

ITEM 9
VERBAL REPORT – NSW ENVIRONMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Committee was informed that Leichhardt Council wins prestigious Excellence in Environment Award held on 4 December.

- 2011-2012 Local Sustainability Award – Overall Winner
- 2011-2012 Winner – Division B
  Acting on the Vision – Working Together for a Sustainable and Liveable Community

ERC55/12 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE / GERAGHTY

1. That verbal report regarding NSW Environment Excellence Awards be received and noted.

2. A recycled banner should be displayed in the High Streets including Norton and Darling Streets celebrating the 2011/12 Local Sustainability Award.

ITEM 10
VERBAL UPDATE – COMMUNITY ORCHARD DEVELOPMENT – WHITES CREEK VALLEY PARK

ERC56/12 RECOMMENDED LAWRENCE / GERAGHTY

That verbal update regarding the Community Orchard development at Whites Creek Valley Park be received and noted.
ITEM 11
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

New nursery – water system is up and running, nursery is at capacity because front has no shade or watering system. How long will DA take. DA will go to B&D in February 2013.

ITEM 12
OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks to all Environment & Recreation Committee members and staff for their hard work this year.

ITEM 13
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 March 2013 at 6:30pm.

Meetings for 2013:

6 March
1 May
3 July
4 September
6 November

Meeting closed at 9:00pm
ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 7 November 2012.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Councillors: Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Daniel Kogoy

Community: Paul Geraghty, Lea Richards, Marghanita Da Cruz

Staff: Jon Stiebel, Joel Johnsson, Peter Gainsford

Meeting Commenced: 6:40pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Rochelle Porteous performed acknowledgement of country.

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

RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / RICHARDS

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Richard Dudley Smith and Cr Breen.

ITEM 2

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS - Nil

ITEM 3

VERBAL UPDATE ON MAJOR ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECTS – PETER GAINSFORD

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update on Major Energy Savings Projects given by Peter Gainsford, Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery be received and noted.

RECOMMENDED KOGOY / DA CRUZ

1. That the verbal update on Major Energy Savings Projects given by Peter Gainsford, Director Infrastructure and Service Delivery be received and noted.
2. That signage interpreting the active LED be installed at the Spindlers Park Project site.

ITEM 4
PRESENTATION – STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT – JOEL JOHNSSON / JON STIEBEL

RECOMMENDED

That the presentation on the State of the Environment Report given by Joel Johnsson, Environmental Technical Officer be received and noted.

Copy of presentation – attached

ITEM 5
PROCEEDINGS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 25 July 2012

RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / DA CRUZ

That the proceedings of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 25 July 2012 be accepted.

ITEM 6
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - Nil

ITEM 7
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / KOGOY

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

ITEM 8
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE (CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY)

RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / KOGOY

That the adaptation strategies and actions outlined in this report be incorporated into the draft Climate Change Strategy.
ITEM 9
UPDATE ON LEICHRADT COUNCIL CARBON NEUTRAL APPLICATION

RECOMMENDED KOGOY / PORTEOUS

1) That the committee note that a Draft Carbon Inventory has been prepared as part of the application to Low Carbon Australia for Carbon Neutral certification in line with industry standard methodology.

2) That the committee note that the final Carbon Inventory may change, but not significantly, following the receipt of the remaining AGL electricity data and independent verification of the carbon footprint by an external consultant as required by the Low Carbon Australia Carbon Neutral Program.

3) That the committee note that a Carbon Inventory for Carbon Neutral purposes must adhere to the National Carbon Offsets Standard and that this requires all relevant Scope 3 emissions be included which is additional to previous greenhouse gas reporting performed by Leichhardt Council.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS

1. Cr Kogoy requested that the costings for proposed PV projects in the Energy Management Plan be checked with suppliers as they appear too high.

2. That Leichhardt Council host the Land is Life exhibition at the Balmain Town Hall between 17 and 28 January 2013.

ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 6 February 2013.

MEETINGS FOR 2013

6 February
3 April
5 June
7 August
2 October
4 December

The meeting closed at 8.20 7 8:40pm
**State of the Environment Report 2011/2012**

**Introduction**

Changes to State of Environment (SoE) reporting:
- Reporting millennium be able to be aligned with Council's Community Strategic Plan.
- Every 2 years a comprehensive plan with yearly updates attached to Council's Annual Report.
- It has been agreed with SARPAC that 2013/14 will be used as a base line year.

**STRUCTURE**

- Water
- Climate Change, Energy and Air Quality
- Waste
- Sustainable Transport
- Biodiversity
- Consumption and Waste
- Noise
- Heritage

**LAND INDICATORS**

- Indicator for Land (Operational level)

**CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY INDICATORS**

- Indicator for Climate Change (Operational level)
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY INDICATORS

CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY INDICATORS

CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY KEY ACTIONS

- Energy Management Plan 2021
- CQC Generation Project
- Solar Photovoltaic (PV) and boutique wind farms
- Carbon neutral Solar panels, energy efficient lighting, energy efficiency of HVAC systems
- Carbon footprints and water management plans
- Gas washers and dryers, energy efficient lighting, restrained use of plastics and paper, audit reports, and biodiversity
- Future Action: Energy Savings, Carbon Footprint, Action Plan

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT INDICATORS

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT KEY ACTIONS

- Major initiatives, reduction of fuel consumption, reduction of vehicle use
- Major improvements in public transport and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
- National Cycle Framework
- Integrated Transport Plan
- Public Transport Support for Active Transport Corridor, Pedestrian Access
- Future Action: Integration of current and planned public transport infrastructure

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WATER INDICATORS

- Indicator: Freshwater Use

WATER KEY ACTIONS

- Sustainable Business Programs
- Water Benchmarking
- Supply Chain Water Management Plan
- Develop Flood Resilience Plan
- Improve Water Quality

Biodiversity Indicators

- Indicator: Species at Risk

Biodiversity Key Actions

- Freshwater Indicator
- Establish a Freshwater Conservation Program
- Develop Water Management Plans
- Increase Awareness and Engagement
- Inventory and Monitoring of Biodiversity

Consumption and Waste Indicators

- Indicator: Water Use and Waste Collection in the USA