LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 17 July 2013.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair) until 7:35pm, Cr Frank Breen (took over the Chair at 7:35pm), Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford, Paul Geraghty, Gillian Leahy, Bev Maunsell.

Apologies: Jane Mowbray, David Lawrence, Bronwen Campbell, Jon Stiebel, Gael Kennedy, Cr Rochelle Porteous.

Staff Present Richard Jarvis, Clare Harley, Aaron Callaghan, Costa Atzemis, Emily Williams, Doug Anderson.

Meeting commenced: 6:33pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Daniel 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 27/13 RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of: Jane Mowbray, David Lawrence, Bronwen Campbell, Jon Stiebel, Gael Kennedy, Cr Rochelle Porteous.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 1 MAY 2013

Matter Arising:

Minutes of the previous meeting – clarification that Paul Geraghty was present at the last meeting.

This is page 1 of the minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Recreation Committee held on 17 July 2013.
ERC 28/13  RECOMMENDED  GERAGHTY / BREEN

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 1 May 2013.

2. To note that Paul Geraghty was present at the 1st May 2013 meeting.

ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC 29/13  RECOMMENDED  HANNAFORD / GERAGHTY

Matters Arising

1. Paul Geraghty has requested a copy of the contamination report for Whites Creek Valley Park Community Orchard. Council’s Senior Parks and Open Space Planner advised that a copy of the report would be provided but that expert advice on the report could not be given by the officer as he was not qualified in this area and that the expert advice received had been peer reviewed by both the NSW Department of Health and an independent expert on contamination issues.

2. Leichhardt Secondary School – Report back to the committee on the license agreement and conditions of use by Council and the community for the playing field and the costs associated with liability insurance for such use.

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE – Nil

ITEM 6
VERBAL UPDATE – ECOFESTIVAL: Costa Atzemis, Emily Williams

A verbal update regarding EcoFestival was provided by Council’s staff Costa Atzemis-Community Events Officer and Emily Williams-Sustainability Engagement Officer.

ERC 30/13  RECOMMENDED  KOGOY / MAUNSELL

1. That the verbal update regarding EcoFestival be received and noted.

2. That Council investigate the opportunity and costs of running an environmental film for free public viewing in a theatre in 2013.
ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 5 June 2013

ERC 31/13  RECOMMENDED  GERAGHTY / HANNAFORD

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 June 2013 including the additional recommendation from the 25 June 2013 Ordinary Meeting (C302/13) be noted. (Attachment 1)

C302/13  RESOLVED  PORTEOUS/KOGOY

That Council adopt the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 June 2013 and the accompanying recommendations as shown below with the additional point that;

Council officers prepare a report on the costs and benefits of working towards a Corporate Target of 100% Renewable Energy by 2025, and in doing so give consideration to:

- The technical feasibility of all Council operations being powered from 100% renewable energy, eg Council’s fleet
- The financial implications of powering all of council operations from renewable energy
- The implications of a 100% renewable energy target on the recent $1 million plus Council investment in relation to the LPAC cogeneration plant which runs off gas
- That the institute for sustainable future be notified of Council’s intention to work towards a 100% renewable energy target to assist with their preparation of the SSROC renewable energy master plan.

The Environment Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the staff involved in this project and extend their thanks for the hard work on this important community project which will have long term benefits for the community in years to come.

ITEM 8
KIDS TOY & CLOTHING SWAP

ERC 32/13  RECOMMENDED  LEAHY / GERAGHTY

That the Committee note the scheduled Clothes Swap event was held on 12 June 2013 with forty parents attending the event.
ITEM 9
‘FOOD FOR THE FUTURE’ FORUM UPDATE

ERC 33/13 RECOMMENDED HANNAFORD / GERAGHTY

That the Committee note the recent “Food for the future” sustainability forum held 27 June 2013 with over sixty people attending the event.

ITEM 10
BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and noted.

ERC 34/13 RECOMMENDED LEAHY / HANNAFORD

1. That Council’s Parks Technical Officer undertake an inspection of Whites Creek Valley Park and review the current number of Celtis (celtis sinensis) plants with a view to removing juvenile specimens of trees in the park in the near future.

2. The committee note that Council’s bushcare team is developing a nursery management plan which will include a strategy for introducing native plants to local residents both in an educational manner and in the longer term for residential planting.

3. That Council’s Biodiversity Officer, Arborist and Strategic Planning Team identify plant species which may be suitable for planting on private properties and ways in which that list can be communicated to the community.

ITEM 11
RESOURCING STRATEGY FOR THE REVEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

ERC 35/13 RECOMMENDED LEAHY / HANNAFORD

That the report be received and noted.

ITEM 12
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY – Nil
ITEM 13
OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 ecoPops

The ecoPops flyer was presented for information.

13.2 Biodiversity Mapping

Issue was discussed by the Committee. Monitoring costs questioned. Vast majority of the land is in private hand. Council does monitor the range of species in the local environment including local bird species. Birds in backyards programme discussed.

ERC 36/13 RECOMMENDED HANNAFORD / GERAGHTY

That Council’s Bushcare Officer liaise with the Sydney Catchment Management Authority on their current work in monitoring biodiversity across the Sydney basin.

ITEM 14
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4 September 2013.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

4 September
6 November

The meeting closed at 8:32pm
Note: Additional recommendation from the 25 June 2013 Ordinary Meeting.

ITEM D9 CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 5 JUNE 2013

C302/13 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/KOGOY

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Council officers prepare a report on the costs and benefits of working towards a Corporate Target of 100% Renewable Energy by 2025, and in doing so give consideration to:

- The technical feasibility of all Council operations being powered from 100% renewable energy, eg Council’s fleet
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- That the institute for sustainable future be notified of Council’s intention to work towards a 100% renewable energy target to assist with their preparation of the SSROC renewable energy master plan.

MINUTES of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 5 June 2013.

Present at the commencement of the meeting: Councillors: Cr Rochelle Porteous (Chair), Cr Frank Breen, Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Craig Channells

Community: Paul Geraghty

Staff: Jon Stiebel, Clare Harley

Meeting commenced: 6:35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Porteous performed acknowledgement of country.

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LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

BUSINESS

ITEM 1
APOLOGIES

CCTF 14/13 RECOMMENDED KOGOY / BREEN

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of: Lea Richards and Marghanita da Cruz.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 3 April 2013

CCTF 15/13 RECOMMENDED BREEN / GERAGHTY

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 April 2013 be accepted.

ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – Nil

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CCTF 16/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / KOGOY

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

2. There were two matters arising from the Summary of Resolutions:

   a) Request that consultants on the SSROC Renewable Energy Master Plan be asked to consider Building Integrated Solar PV at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and within its adjoining car park and also Integrated Solar PV with acoustic walls alongside main roads.

   b) A response is still required regarding: That a report be prepared by the Manager Information Technology on the feasibility of utilising electronic communication tools such as Skype to allow broader participation with the Climate Change Taskforce Committee on page 6 of the Agenda.
ITEM 6
LEICHHARDT PARK AQUATIC CENTRE COGENERATION LAUNCH

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Cogeneration project is now complete and the system is operational.

2. That Council note a project launch event has been organised for Tuesday 11th June 2013 and an invitation extended to the Federal Member for Grayndler, Anthony Albanese MP, in acknowledgement of the $459,000 Federal Government Community Energy Efficiency Program Grant for the project.

CCTF 17/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / KOGOY

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2. That Council note a project launch event has been organised for Tuesday 11th June 2013 and an invitation extended to the Federal Member for Grayndler, Anthony Albanese MP, in acknowledgement of the $459,000 Federal Government Community Energy Efficiency Program Grant for the project.

3. That the Climate Change Taskforce and Environment and Recreation Committee be consulted and given appropriate notice regarding the timing of launch of events for sustainability projects so that attendance at these events can be arranged in advance.

ITEM 7
LEICHHARDT RENEWABLE ENERGY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

CCTF 18/13 RECOMMENDED CHANELLS / BREEN

1. That Council note the Renewable Energy Master Plan, a partnership with eight SSROC councils, and identified within the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan as a high priority action, has commenced for completion within the 2013/14 Financial Year.

2. That Council note formal engagement via workshops with Councils, large energy users, community members and groups will commence in July (dates to be determined).

3. That Council note stage one of the project is complete, with the production of an Energy Situation Analysis, which looks into the current energy consumption and renewable energy generation within the eight participating Local Government Areas: Ashfield, Bankstown, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Kogarah, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Rockdale.
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

ITEM 8
CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Draft Terms of Reference presented in this report (as Attachment 1) be adopted.

2. That the Climate Change Taskforce note the work program for the Environment team and relevant staff in relation to the implementation of the Climate Change Plan during 2013/14 is as summarised in section 4.1 of this report.

3. That the Climate Change Taskforce becomes an Advisory Committee a) to be consistent with Council’s committee structure and b) reflecting its advisory role on the implementation of the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

4. That the timing of meetings be changed from bi-monthly to quarterly

CCTF 19/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / BREEN

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Taskforce be the following:

   Principal Objectives:
   The Climate Change Taskforce meets quarterly to:

   1. Work towards a Corporate Target of 100% Renewable Energy by 2025;

   2. Enable the wider Leichhardt community to considerably increase Energy Conservation, Energy Efficiency and the uptake of Renewable Energy;

   3. Review progress towards meeting the Objectives and Actions of the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan;

   4. Review progress and provide input into an annual review of the Climate Change Plan;

   5. Assist in the identification of priorities and resources for the upcoming financial year;

   6. Works to demonstrate Council commitment for Climate Change Action and on the implementation of Climate Change Plan’s objectives, actions and targets;

   7. Harness local community expertise to provide and share information, data and research that may assist in the implementation of the Climate Change Plan.

   The Climate Change Taskforce is a sub-committee of the Environment and Recreation Committee. Minutes are submitted to the Environment and Recreation Committee for Council to adopt

   Principal Role:
   1. To oversee and champion progress towards implementing the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan.

This is page 4 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce held on 5 June 2013 (updated at the Ordinary Meeting 25 June 2013).
2. To increase Council and community awareness, understanding and the profile of the Climate Change issue in the Leichhardt Council area.

3. To provide and share information, data and research that may assist in the annual review of the Climate Change Plan.

4. To consider the annual implementation program in relation to the Leichhardt Climate Change Plan including timing, resources and funding.

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly

2. That the Climate Change Taskforce note the work program for the Environment team and relevant staff in relation to the implementation of the Climate Change Plan during 2013/14 is as summarised in section 4.1 of this report.

3. That the timing of meetings be changed from bi-monthly to quarterly.

ITEM 9
OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Estimated Financial Savings from Climate Change Plan Implementation

CCTF 20/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / CHANNELLS

1. Climate Change Taskforce requests that a report be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting outlining the estimated financial savings from the full implementation of the Climate Change Plan.

9.2 Proposed Greenway Biodiversity Compensation Package

CCTF 21/13 RECOMMENDED PORTEOUS / CHANNELLS

1. That a response to Transport for NSW regarding the proposed Greenway Biodiversity Compensation package is urgently addressed by council officers.

2. That feedback to Transport for NSW includes that the proposed Biodiversity Compensation package target conservation outcomes for high priority flora and fauna and that a whole of corridor approach is taken.

3. That an urgent meeting is organised with Greenway Steering Committee Councillor representatives and relevant Council Officers from the four Greenway Councils to establish a joint response to Transport for NSW on the proposed Biodiversity Compensation package.

4. That Council make representations to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Transport so that adequate funding is provided to establish habitat for high priority flora and fauna in the Greenway Corridor.
ITEM 10
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on Wednesday, 7 August 2013.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013:

7 August
4 December

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm