LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 2 November 2011.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair), Cr Vera Ann Hannaford, Gillian Leahy, Bronwen Campbell, Jane Mowbray, Steve Arnerich, Paul Geraghty, Francis Breen

Staff Present: David Wilson, Vince Cusumano, Jon Stiebel, Laura Wynne, Aaron Callaghan

Apologies
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

ERC39/11 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/HANNAFORD

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Rochelle Porteous and Cr Gordon Weiss.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 7 September 2011

ERC40/11 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/HANNAFORD

That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 7 September 2011.
ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC41/11 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/HANNAFORD

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

ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Nil

ITEM 7
PRESENTATION

ITEM 7.1
VIDEO ON MAKING LEICHHARDT IS MAKING COMPOST – IT’S EASY!

Video on Making Leichhardt is Making Compost – It’s Easy! was presented at the meeting. The video is available on the Council’s website.

Laura and Cheryl were congratulated by the Committee for their hard work on this project. The film was viewed as excellent.

ITEM 7.2
FISHING ACTIVITY ON THE BALMAIN PENINSULA

ERC42/11 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/STAMOLIS

That the presentation on the Fishing Activity on the Balmain Peninsula be received and noted.

ITEM 8
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 5 October 2011

ERC43/11 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/STAMOLIS

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 October 2011 including amendments made at the 18th October 2011 Ordinary Meeting (C568/11) be noted. (Attachment 1)
ITEM 9
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR 2012

ERC44/11    RECOMMENDED    KOGOY/HANNAFORD
1. That the committee approves the calendar of environmental events for 2012 within this report.
2. That an additional $25,700 be allocated from the Environmental Sustainability Fund to allow for new environmental education activities in 2012.

ITEM 10
KING GEORGE PARK – PONTOON INSTALLATION UPDATE

ERC45/11    RECOMMENDED    KOGOY/HANNAFORD

That the Environment and Recreation Committee note this report.

ITEM 11
TREE PLANTING FOR SIGHT LINES

ERC46/11    RECOMMENDED    KOGOY/HANNAFORD
1. That the proposed policies for tree planting in parks with regards to visual views and the proposed policy on pruning existing street and park trees for visual site lines is placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Following the completion of the public exhibition period a further report is brought back to Council to assess submissions received during the exhibition period and the adoption of the proposed policies.

ITEM 12
ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2011-12

ERC47/11    RECOMMENDED    KOGOY/HANNAFORD
1. That Council note that the Environmental Grants and Community Gardens Grants have been aligned with the strategic objectives of the Community and Cultural plan and Environmental Sustainability Strategy.
2. That the following projects be allocated funding under the 2011/12 Environmental Grants program as follows:
   § Climate Change Balmain Rozelle: Screening of A Sea Change $5000
   § Conservation Volunteers Australia: Bringing back the bush at Callan Park $5000
3. That the following projects be allocated funding under the 2011/12 Community Gardens Grants program:

- Toxteth Kindergarten: Ladybird Woodland play and learn nature garden $5000
- Mort Bay Community Garden Inc: Mort Bay Community Garden $10000

ITEM 13
VERBAL UPDATE – BUSHCARE VOLUNTEER CELEBRATIONS

Not received.

ITEM 15
OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

ITEM 16
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 February 2012 at 6:30pm.

Meetings for 2012:

1 February
4 April
6 June
1 August
3 October
5 December

Meeting closed at 9pm
Note: At the 18 October 2011 Ordinary Meeting the following amendments were made to the Climate Change Taskforce Minutes of 5 October 2011.

ITEM 13 MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE 5 OCTOBER 2011

C568/11 RESOLVED KOGOY/ PLATE

That Council adopt the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 5 October 2011 with the accompanying recommendations subject to the following changes;

‘That Council hold a Christmas picnic at Whites Creek Valley Park in conjunction with the Bushcare groups in December 2011 to celebrate the demolition of the Nissan Hut (which will occur in December 2011) and thank the Rozelle Bay Native Nursery for their significant contribution to the local community over a number of years.

That the picnic include a planting of native provenance plants along Whites Creek canal in line with Council’s plans for the corridor. That Council hold the official opening day celebrations for the new Rozelle Bay Native Nursery at Whites Creek Valley park in March 2012’

Climate Change Minutes additions;

1. Light switch labelling, time clock controls for boiling water units, equipment consolidation, after hours energy consumption investigations, occupancy sensors, daylight sensors, time clock controls, DHW unit replacement lighting replacements (LEDS, T5 fluorescents) and lighting circuit rewiring.

2. That Council bring a report to the next Climate Change Meeting on including or not including street lighting (which council has no operational control over)

3. That council investigate and bring a report to the next Climate Change Taskforce meeting on the installation of solar PV systems at the Catherine Street Depot, Balmain Library and Balmain Depot. That as part of the Annandale Neighbourhood Centre upgrade Council investigate replacing the centre’s lighting with LED or other suitably energy efficient and long life lighting. That a report on these investigations be brought to the next Climate Change Taskforce Meeting.

4. That Council conduct a recruitment campaign to increase representation from members of the community on the Climate Change Taskforce.
Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 5 October 2011.

Present at the commencement of the meeting:  Councillors: Gordon Weiss, Daniel Kogoy (Acting Chair)

                      Staff: David Marshall, Peter Cormican, Jon Stiebel, Guido den Teuling, Laura Wynne
                      Community: Stephen Arnerich
                      David Collins (Cundall), Ian MacDonald (Cundall)

Meeting Commenced: 6:35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Kogoy performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity as acting 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

Recommended den Teuling / Arnerich

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Porteous and Lea Richards.

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

ITEM 3
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 3 August 2011

Recommended Arnerich / Weiss

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 August 2011 be accepted.

ITEM 4
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - Nil

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ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

Recommended Weiss / Arnerich

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

ITEM 6
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FORUM

Recommended Weiss / Arnerich

That the report is received and noted.

ITEM 7
CLOTHES SWAP EVENT

Recommended Weiss / Arnerich

1. That the report is received and noted.

2. That $2,000 from the Sustainability Fund is allocated to fund a women’s clothing swap in the first half of 2012.

3. That the committee thank Laura Wynne for organising and running the successful clothes swap event.

ITEM 8
PRESENTATION – CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY: DRAFT ENERGY SAVINGS ACTION PLAN

Recommended Kogoy / Arnerich

1. That the draft behavioural change actions presented to the October Climate Change Taskforce meeting, including investigations into after hours base-load energy consumption in the administration centre buildings commence immediately.

2. That a report be brought back to the next committee meeting outlining a suite of options and their resource implications for meeting potential carbon reduction targets (25%, 50% and Carbon Neutral).

3. That the draft Energy Savings Actions presented to the October Climate Change Taskforce committee meeting be incorporated into a Draft Leichhardt Energy Savings Action Plan to the committee in December 2011.

Attachment – Climate Change Strategy: Draft Energy Savings Action Plan

ITEM 9
OTHER BUSINESS – Nil
ITEM 10
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Climate Change Taskforce will be held on 7 December 2011.

LAST MEETING FOR 2011 – 7 December

The meeting closed at 8.05pm