LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Environment and Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 6 October 2010.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy, Cr Vera-Ann Hannaford, Cr John Stamolis, David Lawrence, Paul Geraghty, Sally Gillespie, Gillian Leahy, Naho Yamazaki, Bassem Hijazi, Janet Green, Peter Andrews, Paul Murray, Tara Kennedy, Stephen Arnerich, Bev Maunsell, Bronwen Campbell

Staff Present: Vince Cusumano, Gill Dawson, Aaron Callaghan, Leisha Deguara, Deborah Harvey, Ken Welsh

Apologies Cr Rochelle Porteous, Hugh Malfroy and David Eckstein

Meeting Commenced: 6.36pm

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

ERC45/10  RECOMMENDED

That apologies be accepted for the non attendance of Cr Rochelle Porteous, Hugh Malfroy and David Eckstein.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Kogoy declared that he is a staff member of Sydney Buses.

ITEM 3
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 August 2010

ERC46/10  RECOMMENDED

1. That Council adopt the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 4 August 2010.
2. To note that Stephen Arnerich attended the 4 August 2010 Committee meeting.

3. To note that the correct naming in terms of the Friends Group for Whites Valley Creek Park is as follows: the Friends of Whites Valley Creek Park.

ITEM 4
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC47/10 RECOMMENDED

That the information in the Summary of Resolutions be received and noted with the following amendments to be included in the revised Summary of Resolutions.

1. Additional resolutions to ERC36/10 – Community Native Nursery, 22 Wisdom Street, Annandale

   • That a Community Native Nursery time line is prepared and brought to the Environment and Recreation Committee including the following:
     1. Contamination testing
     2. Results of test
     3. Contract for demolition/decontamination
     4. Tenders for construction nursery
     5. Construction of nursery
     6. Official opening

2. Additional resolutions to ERC 03/10 – Community Orchard, White Street

   • That written correspondence is sent to the relevant state department seeking an immediate closure and securing of the properties at White Street to prevent access by vandals who are currently damaging the property.

   • That Council seeks a meeting with the relevant department and prepares a report to the next Environment and Recreation committee seeking clarification on the status of the houses at White Street.

3. Additional resolutions to ERC 33/09 – Bushcare Group

   • That the employment of a further bushcare staff member is expedited and that they liaise with the bushcare native nursery.

4. Additional resolutions to ERC 41/10 – Tree Destruction - Darling St Rozelle

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ITEM 5
CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

ITEM 6
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY - Nil

ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

ERC4810 RECOMMENDED

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 1 September 2010 including amendment per Council Resolution (C458/10) be noted.

ITEM 8
COMMUNITY GARDENS POLICY FOR LEICHHARDT LGA

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note and receive this report

ERC4910 RECOMMENDED

1. That the Committee note and receive this report.

2. That it is noted that consultation is formalised with community groups including Friends of Whites Valley Creek Park and Transition Leichhardt in developing the community garden policy.

ITEM 9
BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and noted.

ERC50/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That appreciation is expressed to Doug Anderson, Biodiversity Officer for the works carried out, as outlined in this report.

ITEM 10
NATIVE PLANTINGS IN VERGES

ERC51/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That the pilot programme for Adopt-a Verge plantings in Bayview Crescent be approved.

2. Should this trial prove successful, that Council roll the programme out to further streets selected from the footpath replacement programme that meet the adopt a verge guidelines in the 2011-2012 financial year.

ITEM 11
BENEFITS OF TREES BROCHURE

ERC52/10 RECOMMENDED

That Council receive and note this report.

ITEM 12
PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL BY THE RTA ON THE CITY WEST LINK RD

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this report.

ERC53/10 RECOMMENDED

1. That Council receive and note this report.

2. That the community is consulted by way of an on-site meeting with local residents.

3. That the RTA ensure information is distributed through Annandale and Rozelle/Lilyfield Precinct Committees and the Friends of Whites Valley Creek Park.

4. That RTA liaise with Leichhardt Council to arrange this meeting.

5. That a list of local species is provided to the RTA.
ITEM 14
COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL PLAN – KEY ISSUES AND MAJOR THEMES
(FOR DISCUSSION – TABLED AT THE 28 SEPTEMBER 2010 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING)

Discussion was held relating to the Key Issues and Major Themes of the Community and Cultural Plan, including:

- Community gardens as a means of involving community members from all walks of life.
- Opportunities for young people.
- Transport and access to open space.
- The role of pocket parks in the community.
- The link between the Community and Cultural Plan and other strategies such as the Integrated Transport Strategy.

1. That the report be received and noted.

ERC54/10 RECOMMENDED

That the report be received and noted.

ITEM 15
OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 15.1
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY

ERC55/10 RECOMMENDED

That the Integrated Transport Strategy presented by the Strategic Transport Planner be received and noted.

ITEM 16
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 2010 at 6:30pm.

Meetings for 2011:
2 February, 6 April, 1 June, 3 August, 5 October, 7 December

Meeting closed at 9.00pm