Environment & Recreation Committee Minutes – 1 October 2014
C363/14 – Ordinary Meeting 28 October 2014

ITEM 6.7 ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES - 1 OCTOBER 2014

C363/14 RESOLVED PORTEOUS/ STAMOLIS

1. That the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 1 October 2014 be received and noted.

2. That with respect to CCTF12/14 Council notes that the following two projects have financial implications and would require consideration in the upcoming quarterly review:

   a) That a tour of the cogeneration system with an appropriate expert be organised at LPAC.

   b) That Council seeks to develop a promotional video of the cogeneration system at LPAC.

Minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 1 October 2014.

Present at the meeting: Cr Daniel Kogoy (Chair), Cr John Stamolis, Cr Frank Breen, Richard Dudley-Smith, Jim Fraser, Bronwen Campbell, Marghanita Da Cruz, Angela Michaelis, Paul Geraghty

Staff Present: Jon Stiebel, Emily Williams, Aaron Callaghan, Rick Jarvis

Meeting commenced: 6:35pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Kogoy performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity of 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

ERC39/14 RECOMMENDED STAMOLIS/KOGOY

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of: Cr Porteous, Cr Channells, Cr Hannaford, David Lawrence and Lea Richards.

ITEM 2
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Nil

ITEM 3
CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID LAWRENCE – CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2014

ERC 40/14 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/DA CRUZ

That the media release on the Council’s web site for Citizen of the Year Award to David Lawrence is amended to include recognition of David’s 25 years of revegetation and tree planting in Leichhardt.

ITEM 4
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 6 AUGUST 2014

ERC 41/14 RECOMMENDED GERAGHTY/KOGOY

That the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Committee meeting held on 6 August 2014 be received and noted.

ITEM 5
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

ERC 42/14 RECOMMENDED STAMOLIS/GERAGHTY

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

2. Concern was expressed by Committee Members in relation to the Draft Framework for Council and Committee Meetings. There is confusion in terms of what is proposed following the September Ordinary meeting in comparison to what was presented to the committee.

3. The Committee congratulated the Environment Team and the Rozelle Nursery for the hard work with the schools project held at the Rozelle Native Nursery.
ITEM 6
CORRESPONDENCE – PLASTIC BAGS INITIATIVES

ERC 43/14  RECOMMENDED  GERAGHTY/KOGOY

1. That correspondences dated 27 August 2014 was sent to the Minister for the Environment regarding
   1. Legislation to ban plastic shopping bags in NSW
   2. Container deposit schemes

2. That the Committee be advised on any formal receipt of correspondence on this issue from the Minister for the Environment.

ITEM 7
CLIMATE CHANGE TASKFORCE MINUTES – 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

ERC 44/14  RECOMMENDED  GERAGHTY/BREEN

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 3 September 2014 be received and noted. (Attachment 1)

ITEM 8
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN: STAGE 1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Committee notes Stage 1 Community Engagement for the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2015-25 was informed by the Leichhardt Community Engagement Framework.

2. That Council notes that Stage 1 Community Engagement for the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2015-25 is complete and has informed the development of the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan.

3. That the Committee receives and notes the Stage 1 Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2015-25 Public Consultation and Engagement Outcomes Report as Attachment 1 to this report.

4. That the Committee notes that Stage 2 Community Engagement for the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2015-25 will commence following Council approval to exhibit the plan for feedback.
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5. The Committee acknowledges the hard work Council officers have undertaken in relation to establishing the PV Solar reporting system for Council buildings on Council’s web site and requested that this information be publicised on Council’s home web page and as part of enews in the months of October and November.

**ITEM 9**

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING**

1. That the Environment and Recreation Committee note that in line with Local Government legislation, a stand-alone State of the Environment Report will not be produced for the year 2013/14.

2. That the Environment and Recreation Committee note that in line with Local Government legislation, a report on Council’s progress with implementing its environmental actions against the Delivery Plan will be included within the Annual Report along with key environmental performance indicators for the year 2013/14.

3. That the Environment and Recreation Committee note that in line with Local Government legislation, the next comprehensive State of the Environment Report is due in 2016, in the year of the ordinary Council election.
ITEM 10
VANDALISED TREES IN TERNAN STREET

ERC 47/14  RECOMMENDED  BREEN/KOGOY

That Environment and Recreation Committee endorse the application of the Poisoned Tree Policy in Ternan Street Reserve including
1. the notification of residents,
2. erection of a banner in the damaged trees, and
3. the planting of replacement trees.

ERC 48/14  RECOMMENDED  FRASER/KOGOY

That Council write to the NSW State Government seeking additional resources for compliance activities in relation to tree vandalism in relation to residential views of the harbour across parkland.

Lost Motion for the record – proposed by Councillor Stamolis

That Council not proceed with the erection of a banner in relation to the damaged trees and the Council consult local residents with regards to replacement trees and ongoing bushcare works and tree planting in Ternan Street.

ITEM 11.1
FOR INFORMATION – REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE 23 SEPTEMBER 2014 ORDINARY MEETING RE: DRAFT FRAMEWORK COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Item 3.02 C302/14)

1. The meeting was advised that a Rescission Motion: Item Number: 3.02 Draft Framework Council and Committee Meetings has been received. This motion will be put to the October Ordinary Meeting.

ITEM 12
REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Nil

ITEM 13
OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

ITEM 14
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2014.

The meeting closed at 8.35.
ATTACHMENT 1

Minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce of Leichhardt Municipal Council held in the Supper Room on 3 September 2014.

Present at the meeting: Cr Frank Breen (chair), Cr Craig Channells, Cr Daniel Kogoy, Gavin Gilchrist, Dominic Case, Koko Clark, Janet Simpson, Paul Geraghty, Andrew Fraser

Staff Present: Jon Stiebel, Roy Morizzi, Erla Ronan, Peter Conroy

Meeting commenced: 6.30pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

Cr Breen performed acknowledgement of country in the capacity of 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

CCTF 17/14  RECOMMENDED  CHANELLORS / BREEN

That apologies be accepted for the non-attendance of: Cr Rochelle Porteous, Lea Richards, Marghanita Da Cruz and Angela Michaelis.

ITEM 2

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

ITEM 3

FRAMEWORK FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The report was noted.
ITEM 4
PRESENTATION – FRAMEWORK FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

Discussion on this item:

- Defined membership and voting generally supportive
- Framework: generally supported, Climate Change must remain a priority issue and clear Terms of Reference that includes Climate Change.
- Policy Council: Generally supported
- Standing Committees: Generally supported, Climate Change needs to be a priority issue. Preference for name Environment and Climate Change Committee.
- Consultative groups: Generally supportive, comments regarding the level of expertise in the community.
- Existing Terms of Reference for CCTF are clear and well thought out.
- There could be an advantage in bringing the Climate Change Taskforce into the Environment Committee as it would mean that the Committee would recommend policy on Climate Change directly to Council for consideration.
- Strong desire to make sure that Climate Change stays on the agenda and remains a priority.
- Preference for name Environment and Climate Change Committee.
- Would like to see Committee work more collaboratively. There is a lot of expertise in the Leichhardt LGA.
- Would less committees necessarily mean they will be more successful in terms of attendance? Should Council be pursuing other engagement methods as well also?
- Discussion on risk of discussing Climate Change in isolation as Climate Change impacts on every area.

CCTF 18/14 RECOMMENDED BREEN/KOGOY

The Climate Change Taskforce notes the presentation.
ITEM 5
PRESENTATION – SMART SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PROGRAM UPDATE FROM ROY MORIZZI

CCTF 19/14 RECOMMENDED GILCHRIST/CASE

1. The Taskforce congratulates Roy Morizzi for his work on the SMART program.

2. That Council request the State government continue to fund the SMART program.

3. That Council consider funding the program when State Government funding for the program expires.

ITEM 6
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 4 June 2014

CCTF 20/14 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/GILCHRIST

That the minutes of the Climate Change Taskforce meeting held on 4 June 2014 be received and noted.

ITEM 7
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
Nil

ITEM 8
SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

CCTF 21/14 RECOMMENDED KOGOY/ BREEN

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

2. That Council include a plain English guide to installing solar PV as part of the Our Energy Future Website.

3. That the following two projects referred to in the Summary of Resolutions Matters arising from previous meeting CCTF 12/14 be considered in the next Council budget quarterly review process for funding:

   1. That a tour of the cogeneration system with an appropriate expert be organised at LPAC.
   2. That Council seeks to develop a promotional video of the cogeneration system at LPAC.
ITEM 9
CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

CCTF 22/14  RECOMMENDED  GERATHY/BREEN

That Council receive and note the following:

1) Development Applications have been lodged for the installation of a 13kWp system at the Balmain Depot and a 35.25kWp system at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre.

2) Electrical sub-metering has been installed at the following Council facilities for energy management, monitoring and reporting:
   i. The Leichhardt Administration Centre and Town Hall,
   ii. Balmain Library
   iii. Leichhardt Library

3) Ten Treading Lightly workshops have been held from February to July 2014, with another five scheduled from August to December 2014. All workshops have been well received with positive feedback from participants.

4) A four-week active transport competition for Council staff, “10,000 steps”, ran from Monday 19 May to Monday 16 June. The aim was to increase the amount of staff trips by walking and cycling. There were 130 Council staff who participated in the challenge.

5) The Footprints Eco festival was held on Sunday 24 August from 11am-3pm in Whites Creek Valley Park, Annandale. There were market stalls, food, live music and a range of free workshops. The event also featured the Footprints Clothing Swap and the Footprints Film Festival with environmental short films submitted by the community.

6) Big Bike Day will be held on Sunday 14 September 2014, from 10:00am-2:30pm in War Memorial Park, Lilyfield. The day will feature entertainment, activities, free bike workshops, bike maintenance, raffle prizes and a group bike ride around the bay. Leichhardt Bicycle Users Group volunteers and members of the Bike Police Unit will escort the group during the ride.

7) A website designer has been appointed to develop the Our Energy Future Website, a priority project of the SSROC Renewable Energy Master Plan. This website will connect residents to suppliers of Residential-scale solar PV, solar hot water, heat pumps and related services. A Request for Quotation is being prepared by SSROC and project partner Council’s in consultation with the Alternative Energy Association for providers of the above services.

ITEM 10
OTHER BUSINESS
NIL
ITEM 11
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2014

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm