

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MEETING OF URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM 3 JOONDALUP CIVIC COMPLEX 21 AUGUST 2002, COMMENCING AT 5.30PM

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Present

Cr Tanya Barnett	Chairperson
Cr Carol Mackintosh	
Cr John Hollywood	
Mr Peter Pikor	Manager Infrastructure & Ranger Services
Mr Dennis Cluning	Manager Operations Services
Ms Amber Sharpe	Environmental Health Officer
Mr Paul Hrovatin	Senior Ranger

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Mr Peter Dunn	Senior Project Officer
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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES-MEETING HELD 11 MARCH 2002.

MOVED Cr Mackintosh **SECONDED** Cr Hollywood that the minutes of the meeting of the Urban Animal Management Committee held 11 March 2002 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2. DOG ACT REVIEW ISSUES PAPER

The Department of Local government and Regional Development has released an issues paper on review of the Dog Act 1976. Submissions on this paper close on 2nd September 2002.

A draft submission for the Dog Act Review Issues Paper was tabled for discussion and included issues such as special provisions of guard dogs, privacy of registration records, micro chipping, powers of delegation. Subject to various amendments the Committee formally endorsed the submission for the Dog Act Review Issue Paper.

Moved Cr MacIntosh, seconded Cr Hollywood
That the City's submission be circulated in the Desk of the CEO for information.

Cr Barnett then congratulated the City's Infrastructure Management and Ranger Services on the quality of the Dog Act Review Issues Paper.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Barnett requested that the Committee briefly deal with some matters of general business including previous initiatives mentioned at the last meeting.

Cr Barnett advised that the matrix for the cat sterilization has still to be developed including the canvassing of veterinarians.

Mr Dennis Cluning distributed the results of the trial for the provision of excreta bags at selected locations and invited the Committee members to provide comments on it for the next scheduled meeting in September.

Cr Hollywood suggested the need for an additional bin be placed midway down the dual use path at Burns Beach as he believed that this would assist the public in disposing of the excreta.

Discussion ensued about access for the refuse truck in collecting the excreta in this area and about safety issue concerns in relation to the truck driving down to the area when it was a public accessway.

Cr Mackintosh requested that the City's Ranger Services review the issuing of infringements instead of caution notices for dog-related offences.

Paul Hrovatin explained that the reason for such a high number of caution notices issued as opposed to infringement notices was mainly due to the fact that when rangers observe these type of offences, ninety percent of the time offenders immediately pick up the excreta and dispose of it in the proper manner.

Cr Mackintosh suggested that perhaps a press release in the local paper advising dog owners of their responsibilities would assist in controlling this problem.

It was agreed by the committee that a press release is progressed. Ranger Services to action this matter.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26 September, 2002 at 5.00pm

5. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.55pm.