

CITY OF JOONDALUP

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE will be held in CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP on THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2002 commencing at 17:45 hrs.

Terms of Reference of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee

“to recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on appropriate courses of action on matters that affect the environment and sustainability issues within the region.”

Committee Aims and Objectives

- *To recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on appropriate courses of action which promote and encourage ecologically sustainable development.*
- *Develop, implement and monitor a sustainability action plan for the City.*
- *To promote and encourage sustainable development based on the principles of Local Agenda 21 (integrated environmental, social and economic sustainability).*
- *To provide recommendations to the City of Joondalup Council in relation to sustainable development pilot projects, programs and activities which facilitate sustainable development within the City of Joondalup.*
- *To provide a co-ordinated communication link between Council and the City of Joondalup community, groups and organisations, in relation to sustainable development issues.*

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 18.00 hrs.

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

<i>Cr J Hollywood</i>	Councillor, Committee Chairperson
<i>Cr O'Brien</i>	Councillor, (Deputy for Cr A Nixon)
<i>Mr J Goldsmith</i>	Sustainable Development Officer
<i>Mr D Wake</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr R Kurup</i>	Community Representative (present from 18.05 hrs)
<i>Mr S Magyar</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr V Cusack</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr G Hartnett</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr G Down</i>	Community Representative (present from 18.05hrs)

Apologies

<i>Mr Dennis Cluning</i>	Manager Operations Services
<i>Mr S Hawkins</i>	Community Representative, Deputy Chairperson

Non Attendance

<i>Mr W Carstairs</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr C Merry</i>	Community Representative

Guest

<i>Mr Fabian Uzaraga</i>	Coordinator Sustainable Development
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2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 18 April 2002 (previously distributed).

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Mr Cusack, that the minutes of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 April 2002 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

The Motion was Put and CARRIED

4. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Committee members reviewed and updated the 2002 work plan.

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Cr O'Brien, that the Committee endorses the revised Committee Workplan (Attachment 1).

The Motion was Put and CARRIED

4.1 Administrative comments on Air Quality/Wood Heater Local Law (Mr Hawkins).

Mr Goldsmith, on behalf of Mr Hawkins updated the Committee regarding the Proposed Local Law Regulating the Installation of Wood Combustion Heaters.

An officer of the Department of Environmental Protection involved with the Perth Air Quality Management Plan was reviewing the law to provide advice and feedback.

It was further advised that verbal comment has been received which confirms that the proposal has significant merit in reducing local air pollution in a staged and mannered approach. The verbal comments also confirmed that the management of local air quality was a principle responsibility of Local Governments, as the powers to control local air pollution are within the Local Government jurisdiction. More specific verbal comments have provided valuable feedback, which shall be included in a review of the proposed local law before it is resubmitted to the Committee for comment and endorsement. It was indicated that Mr Hawkins is awaiting written confirmation of the merits of the proposal from the DEP that will be included as an addendum to the resubmission.

Mr Magyar commented on the role of the Local Government Act to empower the Council in relation to air quality. Cr O'Brien commented on the possible applicability of the Health Act.

4.2 Invitation for Edith Cowan University representation on the Committee

Edith Cowan University has been invited to submit nominations for a representative on the Environmental Advisory Committee. Nominations will be referred to a future Committee meeting.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Sustainability Web Site (Mr Goldsmith)

The City of Joondalup sustainability web site has recently been updated to provide an extensive information resource on sustainability and environmental topics.

The site includes:

- (1) an **introduction** (opening address by the Mayor, a definition of sustainability, the City's submission on the State Government Sustainability Strategy, sustainability display, Joondalup Festival, sustainability outcomes)
- (2) **The Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee** (Committee agendas and minutes archive, guidance note, Committee membership, 2002 workplan)
- (3) The City's **Environmental Sustainability Policy**
- (4) **Key sustainability topics** (Cities for Climate Protection, future directions in waste management, the City's submission on the State Government Sustainability Strategy, sustainability Education, waste management).
- (5) **Sustainability education** (Schools environment challenge, Edith Cowan University Ecosystem Health Conference, sustainability milestones at the City of Joondalup)
- (6) **Funding and awards** (City of Joondalup Community Funding Programme, Funding (Local, State and National Funding Sources), Awards (State, National and International Awards)).
- (7) **Sustainability Links**

The sustainability web site provides a link to the Cities for Climate Protection programme.

MOVED Mr Cusack SECONDED Mr Magyar that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends that Council:

1. **NOTES** the City of Joondalup sustainability web site available at living.joondalup.wa.gov.au;
2. **INFORMS** selected stakeholders, including the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Sustainability Policy Unit, Department of Premier and Cabinet, of the City's sustainability web site.
3. **THANKS** the City's Strategic and Corporate Planning Unit, Information Services and Sustainable Development Officer Mr Goldsmith for planning and developing the sustainability web site.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.2 Draft Report “Progress Towards Achieving A Sustainable Future” (Cr Hollywood)

In the interests of recognizing recent sustainability achievements by the City of Joondalup and the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee, a draft report has been prepared to summarize and highlight such achievements (Attachment 2). The draft report has been revised in the light of Committee comments.

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Kurrup that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends that Council:

- 1. NOTES the report “Progress Towards Achieving a Sustainable Future”;**
- 2. LISTS the report on the City’s Sustainability web site;**
- 3. REFERS the report to selected stakeholders, including the Western Australian Local Government Association and the Sustainability Policy Unit, Department of Premier and Cabinet.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Mr Down suggested that proposed changes to draft documents be referred to the Committee rather than the entire draft document.

5.3 “Sustainable Futures 2002-2007” Sustainability Plan (Mr Goldsmith)

The Committee is advised that the first meeting of the Sustainable Futures Working Group took place on 15 May 2002, to review the draft Sustainable Futures Sustainability plan. The working group consists of staff from throughout the administration, and is anticipated to meet on a monthly basis. The working group will report back to the Executive Management Team, with comments and recommendations on the draft plan. An overview was provided of the way in which the draft Sustainable Futures plan can contribute towards the strategic planning process.

MOVED Cr O’Brien SECONDED Mr Hartnett that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the update regarding the Sustainable Futures Working Group.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.4 Public Lecture, “The Salinity Crisis: The History and Politics of Denial” (Mr Cusack)

Public Lecture by Dr Quentin Beresford “The Salinity Crisis: The History and Politics of Denial”.

ECU’s Centre for Ecosystem Management is delighted to invite members of the public to attend a free public lecture by Dr Quentin Beresford, Associate Professor of Politics and Government at Edith Cowan University. He is a specialist in public policy and is co-author with Dr Hugo Bekle, Associate Professor Harry Phillips, and Ms Jane Mulcock of the recently released book, *The Salinity Crisis: Landscapes, Communities and Politics*.

Lecture Synopsis; Salinity is one of Australia’s most serious environmental problems. It is destroying landscapes and threatening rural communities across Australia. Using the Western Australian Wheatbelt as a case study, this lecture will examine the history and politics of salinity. It will show the extent of successive governments’ knowledge about the threat posed by salinity. This knowledge developed at the various stages of the opening up to agriculture of the vast Western Australian Wheatbelt from the 1900s to 1980s. This public knowledge about salinity is frequently overlooked in the current public debate and largely denied by government in their policy responses to the current crisis. The lecture will examine the reasons behind the denial of salinity as a major threat to the environment and will raise issues relating to the responsibility of governments – and the wider community – to now deal with the environmental, economic and social consequences.

Date: Tuesday, 21 May 2002

Time: 7.00pm – 8.00 pm

Venue: Science and Health Building 19

Lecture theatre 19.141 ECU Joondalup Campus

RSVP by 17 May: Telephone Muriel Bertuch 9400-5089.

For further information, contact Dorian Moro 9400 5143. Entry is Free.

MOVED Mr Cusack SECONDED Mr Down that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the public lecture.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.5 Resignation of Mr Christopher Merry (Cr Hollywood)

Mr Christopher Merry has submitted his resignation from the Committee (Attachment 3).

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Cusack that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends that Council accepts the resignation of Mr Merry.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Integrated Transport Planning (Mr Wake)

Mr Wake tabled Joondalup travel survey results for the information of the Committee (Attachment 4).

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Cusack that the following proposed motion be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

Proposed motion;

That the ESAC recommends that Council works together with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to complete the Integrated Transport Plan for the City of Joondalup, to identify practical actions to enhance accessibility, especially by walking, cycling and public transport.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Mr Wake noted that he is employed by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, however there was no financial interest to declare on this item.

6.2 Information Papers

The following papers (Attachment 5) were tabled for the information of Committee members:

- “Building Partnerships” from the Local Government and Community Environmental Conference (Mr Wake).
- Presentation to the City of Joondalup and the Shire of Wanneroo on the Local Agenda 21 and Sustainability Indicators Projects (Mr Wake).

- “Environmental Ethics and Sustainable Development” (Mr Cusack).

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Thursday 20 June 2002 at 5.45 pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting declared closed 20.10hrs

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