

ATTACHMENT: A

REPORT NO:

CITY OF JOONDALUP

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3 IN THE CITY OF JOONDALUP CIVIC
CHAMBERS, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON
19 JULY 2000 AT 5.30 PM.**

ATTENDANCES

Elected Members:

Cr S Magyar, Chairperson

Cr C Mackintosh

Cr A Nixon

Cr John Hollywood (Observer) (Absent 18:46 hrs - 18:47 hrs.)

Community Representatives:

Mr V Harman

Mr A Carman-Brown

Mr D Wake (Arrived 17:57 hrs. Absent 18:27 hrs - 18:29 hrs.)

Officers:

Manager Organisation and Strategic J KIRTON (Absent 18:57 hrs - 18:59 hrs).
Development

Local Agenda 21 Officer

J GOLDSMITH

The Chairman Cr Magyar declared the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee open at 17:40 hrs.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 JUNE 2000.

MOVED Mr V Harman SECONDED Cr C Macintosh that the minutes of the informal meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on 21 June 2000 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MAY 2000.

MOVED Mr V Harman SECONDED Cr Macintosh that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 May 2000 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Appointment of Mr John Goldsmith and Mr James Kirton to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Cr Magyar noted that Mr John Goldsmith and Mr James Kirton have been appointed with full voting rights to the Environmental Advisory Committee, following the resolution of the Council Meeting held on 11 July 2000 (Item CJ171-07/00 refers).

2. Advertisement seeking nomination of community representatives for the Environmental Advisory Committee.

MOVED Mr Carmen-Brown SECONDED Mr Harman that it be recommended to the Council that the advertisement seeking nominations for community representation on the Environmental Advisory Committee be placed in an appropriate community newspaper for a period of two weeks, with an option for a further two week extension pending the response to the advertisement. The Manager Organisation & Strategic Development contact key stakeholder groups in relation to the committee nomination opportunity.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

Mr Carman-Brown queried whether the current community representatives of the Environmental Advisory Committee need to re-nominate.

Cr Magyar advised that no re-nomination of existing community representatives is required.

3. Clarification of meeting quorum requirements (JK).

Mr Kirton advised that the quorum for the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting was 50% of the committee membership plus one.

4. Briefing paper reviewing the history of the haze issue.

Mr Goldsmith presented a discussion of Item 4 and noted that the Department of Environmental Protection has recently released the Perth's Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), a copy of which is expected to be available shortly.

Cr Magyar led a discussion reviewing the recommendations of the Select Committee on Perth's Air Quality (1998), and the implications of the recommendations in relation to Local Government. It was noted that recommendations 8, 64, 65, 71, 73 and 85 were directly relevant to Local Government.

Recommendations 8 and 71 were considered in further detail.

Recommendation 8 refers to Local Air Quality Management Plans.

Mr Wake referred to a Local Air Quality Management Plan for the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils.

Cr Magyar requested Mr Wake to forward a copy of this document to Mr Goldsmith, for consideration at the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr Kirton noted that the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) programme is relevant for considerations in relation to a Local Air Quality Management Plan, as the CCP programme focuses on greenhouse gas emissions.

Cr Mackintosh noted that for home heating, cost is a major factor affecting the choice of heating systems, and that some form of an incentive could be made to encourage people to trade-in wood heaters.

Recommendation 71 refers to solar designed houses, wood heaters and Local Government By-laws.

Mr Carman-Brown noted that Council can have a role in controlling wood suppliers, building licences and providing educational programmes.

MOVED Mr Carman-Brown SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that it be recommended to the Council that Local Agenda 21 Officer Mr Goldsmith prepare a review of the Perth's Air Quality Management Plan and the recommendations of the 1998 Select Committee report on Perth's Air Quality, for consideration at the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

The Motion was Put and

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MOVED Mr Harman SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that it be recommended to the Council that an article be prepared for submission to the Council News, in relation to Council Policy 4.6.1 (Burning of Garden Refuse and Cleared Vegetation).

The Motion was Put and

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5. Vertebrate Fauna Study of Hepburn Heights by MJ and AR Bamford.

Mr Goldsmith tabled Item 5 for discussion, and presented a concise review of the findings of the report.

A general discussion ensued relating to Star Swamp and Landsdowne as local examples of a differing management approach, the role of habitat linkages and greenways and their importance for wildlife, and the existing linkages between Hepburn Heights and Pinnaroo and adjacent areas. The role of commercially operated wildlife sanctuaries such as those established by Dr John Wamsley were noted, in addition to the role of the Local Agenda 21 process in encouraging businesses with environmentally beneficial outcomes. Cr Nixon noted the opportunity to engage the community in the protection of fauna management. Cr Magyar and Cr Mackintosh referred to the wildlife underpass under Ocean Reef Road.

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Cr Nixon that it be recommended to the Council that a report be prepared for consideration at the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, reviewing local examples of fauna protection programmes (such as Karakamia Sanctuary) and an investigation into the opportunities for a privately operated fauna protection programme, at Craigie Open Space.

The Motion was Put and

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Mr Wake referred to a Local Greening Plan and Cr Magyar requested that a copy of the plan be forwarded to Mr Goldsmith, for inclusion as a discussion item for the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Local Agenda 21 Discussion Paper.

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that it be recommended to the Council that Item 6 be prepared as a “Green Paper” for consideration by Council, with the recommendation being for Council to endorse the workplan and the strategic direction of the Local Agenda 21 process.

The Motion was Put and

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Cr Magyar noted that the Vision 20 20 programme at the City related closely to the proposed community consultation programme (scheduled for December 2000 in the LA21 work plan).

7. Cities for Climate Protection Discussion Paper.

Cr Magyar deferred consideration of Item 7, Cities for Climate Paper Discussion Paper, until the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

8. Acceptance of Resignation of Mr Garry De Piazzzi and Ms D James.

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that the letters thanking Mr De Piazzzi and Ms James for their involvement in the committee be forwarded.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Harman requested an update on the availability of a minute taker for the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr Kirton advised that this matter was subject to budget considerations and would need to be referred to Council Support Services.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held in Conference Room 3, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on 16 August 2000.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19 29 hrs.