

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 FEBRUARY 2000**

Meeting opened at 5.35 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cr J Hollywood (City of Joondalup)
Cr S Magyar (City of Joondalup)
Cr J Hughes (City of Wanneroo)
Mr D Cluning
Mr K Armstrong
Ms J Smith (City of Wanneroo)
Ms R McElroy
Mr D Pike
Ms P Robertson
Ms M Zakrevsky
Mr T Morald
Mr M Norman
Mr R Dixon
Mr J Wood
Ms A Stubber

Apologies: Ms K Clarke
Mr D Len Ferna

2. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

D Cluning opened the meeting and welcomed new committee members.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON

Cr S Magyar was nominated for the position of Chairperson.

Moved: M Zakrevsky Seconded: R McElroy CARRIED

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 P Robertson requested that Item 2.1 of the previous Minutes be amended to read "*That the City of Wanneroo consider allowing the Friends of Koondoola Bushland to use space in one of the City's building facilities to collate a herbarium.*"

4.2 M Norman requested Item 5.9 of the previous Minutes be amended to read "*D Cluning replied that this method of weed control had not been budgeted for in the current financial year.*"

4.3 P Robertson proposed that the above amendments to the previous Minutes dated 5 October 1999 be adopted.

Moved: P Robertson Seconded: D Pike CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Discussion regarding the future direction of the Conservation Advisory Committee.

D Cluning gave some background information on the formation of the Conservation Advisory Committee. Further discussion ensued and D Pike suggested that the committee should remain a joint committee between the City of Joondalup and the City of Wanneroo. Cr Hollywood suggested the committee should be split.

C Magyar stated the committee should remain combined for six months, then review the situation to enable the City of Wanneroo representatives to fully understand the current issues.

Cr Magyar recommended the committee meet on a monthly basis.

P Robertson proposed the following -

5.1.1 that the Conservation Advisory Committee remains a combined committee of the City of Joondalup and the City of Wanneroo for a period of six months;

5.1.2 that the Conservation Advisory Committee examines joint strategic issues;

5.1.3 that the Conservation Advisory Committee meets on a monthly basis.

Moved: P Robertson Seconded: M Zakrevsky CARRIED

5.2 Craigie Open Space

D Cluning provided the committee with some background information on the formulation of the 1999 Craigie Open Space Management Plan and advised committee members that the City of Joondalup directors wish to engage a planning consultant to examine planning issues associated with Craigie Open Space.

Cr Magyar gave an insight into the historical perspective of Craigie Open Space.

There was some discussion on the Water Corporation's request to place a chlorine buffer zone within the northern portion of the Craigie Open Space bushland. The committee suggested that if a fence was installed, the City of Joondalup, not the Water Corporation should manage the bushland within the chlorine buffer zone, in order to preserve the bushland to a high standard.

5.3 Warwick Open Space Management Plan

R McElroy asked about the Warwick Open Space Management Plan review. K Armstrong advised that the fire management plan was well advanced and on completion, work will commence on other aspects of the review.

- 5.4 R McElroy asked Council staff how the eradication of fountain is progressing. D Cluning advised that the fountain grass in Warwick Open Space is under control and is being contained in other defined areas in which it was planted.

6. OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Weed Control

Cr Magyar stated that all invasive weeds should be examined by the committee as part of its strategic planning. M Norman advised he had concerns about the condition of remnant native vegetation in the smaller dry parks.

Cr Magyar requested committee members to draw up a list of strategic issues that the committee will examine, eg. weed issues.

D Pike suggested a list of weed species to control in priority order.

6.2 Bushland Management

M Norman outlined the City of Stirling's approach to bushland management and stated that City of Stirling has a bushland management budget seven times greater than that of City of Joondalup.

D Cluning advised that the City of Joondalup and WAMA are working on a benchmarking system to compare bodies of various local bushland parks management.

Cr Hollywood left the meeting at 6.45pm.

Cr Magyar asked whether Council officers could furnish the committee with a submission as to the resources required to manage and protect the bushland within the City of Joondalup. M Norman added that a list of sustainable and viable areas of bushland managed by the City be put together as a priority listing.

R Dixon advised that Eco Jobs staff are utilised in Kings Park and they may be considered by Council.

- 6.3 Cr Magyar suggested funding be allocated to fence Periwinkle Park in Mullaloo.

6.4 D Pike suggested that committee members put their environmental concerns in a priority order for the next meeting, with the aim of working out a strategic direction for the committee to pursue.

Next Meeting: 4 April 2000 at 5.30pm

Meeting Closed: 7.00pm

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