

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3 IN THE CITY OF JOONDALUP CIVIC CHAMBERS, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON 21 JUNE 2000 AT 5.30 PM.

ATTENDANCES

Elected Members

Cr S Magyar Chairman
Cr C Mackintosh
Cr A Nixon

Community Representatives

Mr V Harman

Officers

Acting Executive Manager,
Strategic Planning J Kirton (absent 18 30 hrs- 18 40 hrs)
Local Agenda 21 Officer J Goldsmith

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apology: Mr D Wake (Community Representative)
Apology: Mr M Bowman (Community Representative).

There being no quorum of five members at this point, in accordance with Clause 3.1 of Standing Orders Local Law the meeting was counted out at 1800 hrs the Chairman declared an informal meeting open at 1800 hrs.

Cr Magyar requested that Mr J Kirton seek clarification from Council Support Services in relation to meeting quorums.

DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

As the meeting quorum had not been reached, the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on 21 June 2000 can not be confirmed as a true and correct record. It is recommended that the minutes be confirmed at the next committee meeting.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Terms of Reference

It was recommended that the Environmental Advisory Committee endorses the current terms of reference of the Committee.

2. Expansion/renewal of Committee membership.

There was discussion of the need for the professional staff to be part of the formal committee.

It was recommended that Council appoint officers Mr John Goldsmith (Local Agenda 21 Officer) and Mr James Kirton (Manager Organisation and Strategic Development) to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr Goldsmith provided a concise summary of "A Discussion Paper for the Environmental Advisory Committee on Organisational Approaches Towards Environmental Issues within City of Joondalup".

Cr Magyar led a general discussion of this item, in which it was proposed that nominations be sought for additional community representatives. The example of a previous advertisement requesting community nominations was noted and it was proposed that an updated version be prepared for the public advertisement.

It was recommended that the revised advertisement for the nomination of community representatives be prepared and circulated for review and approval by committee members, prior to placement in the Joondalup City Times, Council News and the City of Joondalup web page.

Mr James Kirton commented that the results of the community representative nominations would be presented to the next available Environmental Advisory Committee meeting after the advertisement closes.

3. Review of Environmental Advisory Committee Reporting Structure, Workload and Prioritisation.

Mr Goldsmith raised for discussion issues in relation to workload prioritisation, and previously identified issues of interest to the committee, including haze.

It was recommended that a briefing paper be prepared for the committee reviewing the history of the haze issue within City of Joondalup.

Cr Nixon noted the potential for the protection of native fauna within the region, in conjunction with the management and protection of habitat and native vegetation.

Cr Magyar requested that the desktop study by Mike Bamford in relation to the protection of native fauna (Friends of Hepburn Heights) issued to the Conservation Advisory Committee, be distributed to committee members to provide a background to further discussions relating to native fauna protection.

4. Minute Clerk.

In the absence of Mr Kirton, Mr Goldsmith gave a brief outline of the need for a minute taker for the Environmental Advisory Committee meetings. It was noted that proceedings of the Environmental Advisory Committee would be recorded with a tape recorder, to assist the minute taker.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Resignation of Mr Garry De Piazzzi

Mr Goldsmith tabled a letter of resignation from Mr G De Piazzzi from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

It was recommended that the tendered resignation of Mr. De Paizzi be noted and accepted, and that the chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Committee, Cr Magyar, forward a letter of appreciation to Mr De Piazzzi, in recognition of his involvement and contribution to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

2. Discussion Paper for the Environmental Advisory Committee on Organisational Approaches Towards Environmental Issues within the City of Joondalup.

Mr Goldsmith referred the committee to Item 2 (Discussion Paper for the Environmental Advisory Committee on Organisational Approaches Towards Environmental Issues Within the City of Joondalup). The item was previously discussed under business arising.

3. Local Agenda 21, Briefing Paper.

Mr Goldsmith referred to Item 3 (Local Agenda 21 Discussion Paper).

Cr Magyar commented that the LA21 briefing paper provided a very good overview and positive discussion of the subject.

Cr Nixon indicated his support for the briefing paper and concurred with Cr Magyar's comments.

Cr Mackintosh commented that the briefing paper is very suitable for general circulation to all Councillors.

Cr Magyar sought comment, for the preparation of a revised LA21 Briefing paper for Council.

- Mr Kirton noted that the 1998 consultant report on LA21 prepared by Chambers and Galloway & Associates would form the basis of the briefing paper. A summary of the central theme of LA21 would be emphasized, and the need for sustainable development based on a balance between economic, social and environment considerations.
- Cr Mackintosh noted that a presentation of the briefing paper in a video format could be very effective.
- Mr V Harman noted that further information on the six major sustainability themes would be very helpful.

Cr Magyar led a general discussion on issues arising from the LA21 paper, such as;

- The status of existing policies of the City which relate to sustainable development and environmental issues (Mr Harman).
- A review of existing policies (Mr Harman).
- Chemical usage and weed control relating to the Witfords Rate Payers Association (Cr Mackintosh).
- Impact of mobile telephone towers (Cr Magyar).

OTHER BUSINESS

Cr Magyar requested a brief update on the Cities for Climate Protection programme.

Mr Goldsmith noted that the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) programme is a national programme aimed at achieving reductions in Greenhouse gas emissions, at the Local Government level. The CCP programme is administered through the Australian Greenhouse Officer and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

Local Government throughout Australia has already shown considerable interest in the CCP programme. In Western Australia, Councils representing over 45% of the State's population have commenced Milestone 1 of the CCP programme, or are progressing with subsequent Milestones achievements.

The City had recently appointed Ms Jacinta Christie on a short term basis, for the preparation of an inventory and forecast of Greenhouse gas emissions. The study, which will commence in early August, comprises Milestone 1 of the Cities for Climate Protection programme, which is the first of five milestones of the CCP programme.

It was recommended that a briefing paper be prepared on the Cities for Climate Protection Programme for consideration by the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Cr Magyar requested that a notice of future meetings of the Environmental Advisory Committee be provided to the Mayors Diary.

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 19 July 2000.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the discussions closed at 19 00 hrs.