

CITY OF JOONDALUP

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN
CONFERENCE ROOM 3, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP
ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2001 COMMENCING AT 1740 hrs**

MINUTES

Cr Magyar declared the meeting open at 1740 hrs, with a quorum of 8 members present.

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE

<i>Cr S Magyar</i>	Councillor/Chairperson
<i>Cr A Nixon</i>	Councillor (left at 19.30)
<i>Cr C Mackintosh</i>	Councillor
<i>Mr J Goldsmith</i>	Local Agenda 21 Officer
<i>Mr J Kirton</i>	Manager Organisational & Strategic Development (Left at 19:20)
<i>Mr V Harman</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mrs Wood</i>	Community Representative (arrived at 19:55)
<i>Mr C Merry</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mrs J Richards</i>	Community Representative (left at 19:30)

In Attendance

<i>Mr D Cluning</i>	Manager Operations
<i>Mr P Hoar</i>	Visitor – Co-ordinator Waste Management and Environmental Services (left at 18:20)

APOLOGIES

<i>Mr D Wake</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr J Prefumo</i>	Community Representative
<i>Dr R France</i>	Community Representative
<i>Mr S Hawkins</i>	Community Representative

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on 20 December 2000.

(Refer to Attachment 1).

MOVED Mr V Harman SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 December 2000 (Attachment 1) be accepted as a true and accurate record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

3.2 Sub Committee Minutes and Other Reports.

The Committee noted the minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 February 2001 (attachment 2).

Matters dealing with the minutes of the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum meeting held on 27 November 2000 (attachment 3) and the Yellagonga Catchment Group meeting held on 25 January 2001 (attachment 4) was deferred.

MOVED Cr Mackintosh SECONDED Cr Magyar that the Environmental Advisory Committee;

- (1) ENDORSES the minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 15 February 2001, and;**
- (2) ENDORSES motion 4.2, that the City of Joondalup produces a brochure of common weeds to encourage ratepayers to identify weeds and eradicate them. The brochure to be distributed to all households in the City.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

5. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5.1 Bushland Management Petition

Mr Dennis Cluning, Manager Operations addressed the committee regarding the bushland management petition, which was previously considered at the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on 20 December 2000 (Item 5.3).

A copy of a draft report for Council entitled "Petition- Management of Natural Areas" was tabled. The proposed recommendations were endorsed by the Committee. Mr Cluning provided a review of the draft report and detailed discussion followed.

MOVED Cr Mackintosh SECONDED Cr Nixon that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Council

- 1 RECEIVES the petition as presented by electors of the City of Joondalup;**

- 2 LISTS the objectives contained in the petition for consideration as part of the 2001/2002 Draft Maintenance Budget submissions;**
- 3 LISTS the maintenance of Natural Bush Areas as a specific item in the Operation Maintenance Budget for 2001/2002.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.2 City of Joondalup Draft Cliff Policy

The Coordinate Waste Management and Environmental Services, Mr Peter Hoar, addressed the committee regarding the Draft Cliff Policy. A summary of the comments follow;

- The need for a cliff policy was highlighted, following the Gracetown tragedy.
- The coroner made comments regarding the role of Local Government in identifying hazardous coastal areas and their management.
- Former City of Wanneroo carried out a number of actions, including signage in hazardous areas.
- A consultant was appointed to identify hazardous areas.
- The report identified hazards, but did not provide an assessment of risk in the context of community usage of a given area.
- Issue of increased duty of care arising from increased access/usage of hazardous areas.
- Various consultation with departments including Ministry for Planning, WA Municipal Association, Aboriginal Affairs Department.
- Policy developed including legal aspect, presented to agenda settlement but did not proceed to Council. It was considered that the policy should be referred to the WA Municipal Association to review the policy.
- Preferred approach to have WAMA issue a broad based coastal hazards policy.
- Discharge of Duty of Care includes numerous issues including; Usage of land and level of Identification of limestone cliff hazards, signage and communication of hazards, other factors such as proximity of pubs etc.
- Policy is about a seven page document, includes a goal, objective and strategy and guideline for officer. Presented to agenda settlement, referred to WAMA. Has not been considered by City of Joondalup Council.

5.3 Draft Workplan for Environmental Advisory Committee, 2001

The Draft Work Plan (Attachment 5) for the Environmental Advisory Committee for 2001 and was discussed by the committee.

Mr Harman suggested a sub-committee or workshop to review the draft workplan.

MOVED Mr Harman SECONDED Mrs Richards that the Environmental Advisory Committee conduct a workshop (with members Cr S Magyar, Mrs J Richards and Mr J Goldsmith) to review the draft Work Plan for the Environmental Advisory Committee and to propose timeframes and priorities for endorsement at the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.4 Perth Air Quality Management Plan

Committee members have previously been directed to the Perth Air Quality Management Plan, accessible on the internet at <http://www.environ.wa.gov.au/DEP/aqmp/>.

Mr Merry indicated his interest in the relationship between waste management, emissions and air quality, and the need for local air quality management. Comments include;

One third of all solid waste to landfill is from organic waste, which degrades into emissions such as leachate and gas emissions including carbon dioxide and methane, Greenhouse gases.

Mr Cluning noted that the Tamala Park landfill facility is progressing towards secondary waste management.

MOVED Mr V Harman SECONDED Cr A Nixon that the Environmental Advisory Committee establishes a working group (including committee members Mr D Wake, Mr C Merry and Mr J Goldsmith) to review the Perth Air Quality Management Plan and to report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee at the next committee meeting.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.5 Comments; Yellagonga Regional Park Draft Management Plan and Analysis of Public Submissions by CALM.

Committee members were invited to comment on the Yellagonga Regional Park Draft Management Plan and the draft Analysis of Public Submissions, prepared by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM).

CALM has sought Council's comment on the draft management plan by 22 February 2001. Comment from members of the Environmental Advisory Committee were collated to form the basis of the Council report CJ006 – 02/01. This report was submitted for the Council Meeting of 13 February 2001.

Attachment 6 provides the collated comments supplied by committee members.

MOVED Cr Mackintosh SECONDED Mr Harman that the Environmental Advisory Committee ENDORSE attachment 6, comprising the detailed comments on the Yellagonga Regional Park Draft Management Plan and the analysis of public submissions, prepared by the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.6 Documents Received

The Environmental Advisory Committee is advised that the following documents have been received.

Table 1

Document	Actions	Available from;
Bush Forever, December 2000 (Final document, Perth's Bush Plan).	Final Document, for noting.	Councillor reading room, or Strategic Planning.
EPA Draft Guidance for Assessment of Environmental Factors No 10 Assessment of Proposals Affecting Bushland Areas within System 6 and the Southern Coastal Area	Available for public comment (closes 9 April 2001). Refer to Conservation Advisory Committee for review and comment.	Strategic Planning
Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	Obtain a summary of the Act and its implications for Local Government. Circulate to committee members.	Strategic Planning

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Mr Harman that the Environmental Advisory Committee;

(a) NOTES the documents received (as detailed in Table 1).

ENDORSES the proposed actions in Table 1.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

5.7 Seminars/Conferences

Table 2 provides a listing of recent seminars and conferences and contact details.

Table 2

Title	Venue/Date	Contact
Sustainability 2001- The Way Ahead.	Curtin University, day-Friday 1-2 February 2001	Conservation Council of WA, Conference Secretariat, 9322 6662
National Forum- Taking Care of the Bush: Nature Conservation on Private Land	21 – 23 March 2001	National Trust of Australia. Phone 9321 6088

Sustainable Urban Design: Learning How to Produce More Livable Environments	Murdoch University, 26-30 March 2001	Murdoch University, 9360 2913
Politics of Public Spaces and Public Transport	Murdoch University, 19-23 February, 2001	Murdoch University, 9360 2913

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that the Environmental Advisory Committee NOTES the seminars and conferences detailed in Table 2.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

ACTION: (1) Query Council Support Service as to whether Environmental Advisory Committee members (including community representatives) can attend conferences and seminars on behalf of the City of Joondalup (Mr Goldsmith).
(2) Include seminar/conference cost details in future summaries (Mr Goldsmith).

5.8 Lot 1029 Botanical Assessment

Council endorsed the engagement of a consultant to undertake the assessment of bushland and vegetation values of Lot 1029, in the context of Bush Plan (refer to report CJ106-05/00).

The report “Flora and Vegetation Assessment of Lot 1029, Bushplan Site 325, City of Joondalup” was tabled.

Discussion followed regarding the use of the report as part of the Master Planning process for Ocean Reef and Lot 1029.

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Cr Mackintosh that the Environmental Advisory Committee ;

(1) Receives the report entitled “Flora and Vegetation Assessment of Lot 1029, Bushplan Site 325, City of Joondalup”.

(2) Endorses the distribution of the report to members of the Environmental Advisory Committee on a confidential basis as per the provision of the Local Government Act, for information.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

ACTION: Environmental Advisory Committee members to contact Mr Goldsmith (Phone 9400 4219 or John.Goldsmith@Joondalup.wa.gov.au) to request a copy of the report entitled “*Flora and Vegetation Assessment of Lot 1029, Bushplan Site 325, City of Joondalup*”

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Fertiliser management

Mr Hawkins provided the following comments to the committee (presented by Mr Goldsmith); "In a recent trip down to Picnic Cove (a park off Edgewater Dve bordering Lake Joondalup) I noticed that the park has recently been reticulated and fertilised. Given our current knowledge of the damaging effects of fertilisers in wetlands (algal blooms, midge problems, increased biological oxygen demand, etc) this raises serious concerns about the council's management of the park.

I am curious to know why the park was fertilised and under what reasons this action was taken. This inquiry may provide a mechanism to prevent this happening again".

Mr Cluning provided the following comments to the committee;

The area in question comprises an embankment, which has recently been fertilised with 200 kilograms of Nitrogen based fertiliser. The purpose of the fertiliser application was to encourage the establishment of couch grass to assist in the stabilisation of the bank. The fertiliser application is the second application made by the City in the past 15 years.

6.2 Triple bottom line reporting.

Cr Magyar requested a brief summary of Triple Bottom Line reporting, to be considered at the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

Cr Magyar noted the relationship between Triple Bottom Line reporting to Local Agenda 21 and sustainable development.

Mr Goldsmith noted that that Triple Bottom Line reporting is very relevant for State of the Environment reporting and Sustainability Indicators. It was noted that a consultant report was commissioned by the City (January 1999).

ACTION: Triple Bottom Line summary to be provided by Mr Goldsmith at the next committee meeting.

7. 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 Thursday, 22 March 2001 at 5.30 pm.

CLOSURE

Cr Magyar declared the meeting closed at 20.00hrs.

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