

CITY OF JOONDALUP

Minutes of meeting of the **SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held in Conference Room 1, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on **THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2005.**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Ms Marilyn Horgan

Mr Steve Magyar

Cmr Michael Anderson

Ms Ute Goeft

Prof Sherry Saggars

Mr David Wake

Mr Vincent Cusack

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer
Manager, Strategic and Sustainable Development
Team Leader, Sustainable Development
Sustainable Development Officer
Coordinator, Planning Approvals
Principal Environmental Health Officer
Senior Environmental Health Officer
Manager, Infrastructure Management & Ranger Services

G HUNT
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S EVANS
B REAY
S SULLIVAN
A EDMUNDS
S FAVACHO
P PIKOR

APOLOGIES

Assoc. Prof. Adrienne Kinnear

Mr Geoff Down

Mr Will Carstairs

Mr Martin Brueckner

Mr Kieron D'Arcy

GUESTS

Mr David Lockett

Mr John Chester

Ms Jennifer Hawkes

Dr Steve Appleyard

Mr Dale Newsome

Friends of Yellagonga

Yellagonga Regional Park Catchment Group

Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park

Department of Environment

Western Australian Local Government Association

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 1750 hrs.

DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST/INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARIALITY

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2005.

This item was not considered and will be listed on the next agenda for the Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for 5 May 2005.

ONGOING BUSINESS ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

ITEM 1 ACID SULPHATE SOILS PRESENTATION [00906]

WARD – All

PURPOSE

To provide the Sustainability Advisory Committee with a presentation on acid sulphate soils to increase the awareness of this issue particularly for future land use considerations within the City of Joondalup.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A resolution was passed at the 10 February 2005 meeting for the Sustainability Advisory Committee [that]:

“INVITES an expert speaker from the Department of Environment to make a presentation on acid sulphate soils at the next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting and invites Directors, Commissioners, representatives for the Yellagonga Regional Park Catchment Group (YRPCG), Friends of Yellagonga and City of Joondalup planning staff.”

The presentation on acid sulphate soils to the Sustainability Advisory Committee follows a letter dated 15 December 2004 from Mr Cusack. This letter expressed concerns related to the risk of acid sulphate soils disruption associated with recent development approvals.

DETAILS

The Sustainability Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 10 February 2005, raised several issues in relation to the importance of acid sulphate soils. Mr Cusack maps outlining the significance of this topic to recent developments within the City of Joondalup.

The Committee sought to seek further information of this issue and requested a presentation outlining the significance of acid sulphate soils for future planning approvals, land use considerations and Committee comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Acid Sulphate Soils presentation slides.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED Mr Cusack SECONDED Ms Siggers that the Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the presentation on acid sulphate soils by Dr Appleyard.

Dr Appleyard presented a detailed account of acid sulphate soils and the implications to local government infrastructure and the natural environment. Dr Appleyard highlighted the importance of raising awareness and good planning in assessing development approvals on land that may be affected by acid sulphate soils. Several examples on the importance of acid sulphate soils in other Local Government Authorities were also discussed.

Several Committee members requested clarification on matters relating to hydrology concerns at the Yellagonga Regional Park and other issues raised in the presentation relating to the science of acid sulphate soils.

The Chairperson thanked Dr Appleyard for his presentation and asked that observers speak through the Chair.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND

CARRIED

Meeting suspended at 6.20pm.

Meeting resumed at 6.30pm

ITEM 2 ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE [00906]**WARD** – All

PURPOSE

To progress the deferred item from the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting of the 10 February 2005 pending the Chief Executive Officer's attendance and presentation of items to the Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 February 2005 included an item from the Chief Executive Officer relating to the administration and management of items to be presented to the Committee.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Chief Executive Officer was unable to attend the 10 February meeting and the Committee resolved to defer the item to the next Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting on 24 March 2005.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Ms Goeft that the Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the report on items to be presented to the Committee from the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council is acting on the acid sulphate soil issue and that he has assigned the Principal Environmental Health Officer to undertake independent research on this matter.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Meath Healthcare have agreed to further site testing and will make the test results publicly available.

The Chief Executive Officer explained the background behind Council appointed Committees and advised that the Sustainability Advisory Committee operates under

Standing Orders of Council. As the Presiding Member the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring that due process is followed and will ensure that training sessions are provided to all relevant staff.

This may mean that the Chief Executive Officer may not allow a deputation or agenda item under certain circumstances. The Chief Executive Officer stressed the importance of the Committee members having a clear understanding of their role. Council may amend this role upon request.

Discussion ensued on the issue of Committee recommendations to Council, how items are referred to Committees of Council for comment and the need for integration across Council Committees and business units.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the recommendation made by the Committee remain unedited, however the Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to make a comment if there is an alternate view.

The Chief Executive Officer spoke on the need for new members of advisory committees to be briefed on correct procedures. One of his Key Performance Indicators is to provide an induction process for new Councillors and this could be extended to include members of advisory committees.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he would prefer to see less formal Council committees and more integration of community and stakeholder groups.

The Chairperson thanked the Chief Executive Officer for his attendance at the meeting and welcomed him to the City of Joondalup.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Asthma Ride

Mr. Anderson commented on the success of the bike ride to raise funds for asthma research. Over 6000 cyclists took part in the ride, which ended at the Joondalup City Centre during the Joondalup Festival.

Sun Fair

Mr. Anderson advised the Committee that the University of Western Australia is hosting the Perth Sun Fair on Sunday 3 April 2005. The Sun Fair is aimed at introducing the people of Perth to sustainable living concepts, technology and lifestyles. Further information will be distributed.

Ms Goeft requested the Chairperson's email address so she is able to place items on future agenda.

Other items of ongoing general business were discussed including a report on best practice vehicle fleet management, the EcoHouse project, the Beyond Declarations Sustainability Conference and Joondalup Shuttle Bus.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee will be held in Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre, Boas Avenue, Joondalup on Thursday 5 May 2005 at 1730 hrs.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 1900 hrs.