



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 24 September 2007*

Time: *6.00pm*

Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

Delegated Authority (“D” Items):

- Community Services and Programmes.
- Health.
- Liquor Licences.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waverley/Woollahra Process Plant.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meeting.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community and Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed below.
- Library Services
- Licensing.
- Regulatory.
- Waste Minimisation

Recommendation only to the Full Council (“R” Items):

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of the Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Traffic Authority of NSW.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee, or which are not the subject of a Business Agenda (current or past).
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors, in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards".
- Parks and Reserve Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives)
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies

Committee Membership:

7 Councillors

Quorum:

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

20 September 2007

To: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Geoff Rundle, ex-officio
Councillors Tanya Excell (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Marcus Ehrlich
Andrew Petrie
Isabelle Shapiro
Fiona Sinclair King
John Walker

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 24 September 2007

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Community and Environment Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 24 September 2007 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee – Nil Items

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Election of Deputy Chairperson**
Author: Les Windle - Manager Governance
File No:
Reason for Report: For the Committee to elect a Deputy Chairperson

Recommendation:

That Councillor _____ be elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Community and Environment Committee for the ensuing twelve months.

Background:

It has been the practice for the Committee to elect a Deputy Chairperson who can chair the meeting in the absence of the chairperson.

Les Windle
Manager Governance

ANNEXURES:

Nil

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 September 2007**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10 September 2007 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 10 September 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager - Governance

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Australian Conservation Foundation GreenHome Program**
Author: Rebecca Peacock - Environmental Protection Coordinator
File No: 990.G
Reason for Report: Council support for the Australian Conservation Foundation GreenHomes Workshop and Competition Project.

Recommendation

That Council support and promote the ACF's GreenHome Workshop and Competition Project.

1. Purpose of report

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) has approached Council for support for their GreenHome Workshop and Competition Project to be held in the Woollahra LGA. The project is being held in partnership with the Women For Change Alliance (WFCA), a local climate change and environment group from the Woollahra area.

2. Background

The primary objective of the ACF's GreenHome Program in NSW is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from NSW households. Secondary objectives are:

- To reduce water consumption in targeted households
- To increase knowledge and awareness of sustainability issues and solutions
- To empower participants to engage in advocacy and community action for environmental solutions
- To empower participants to share their knowledge and actions with others in their networks.

As a part of the broader GreenHomes Program, the ACF is conducting a workshop and competition project. The ACF decided to conduct the project in Woollahra for the following reasons:

1. Woollahra's residents consistently rank as high consumers of water, greenhouse gas emissions and ecological footprint (ACF Consumption Atlas 2007).
2. The WFCA is an existing group in Woollahra, with local membership and contacts within the area and can provide knowledge to reach the target audience effectively.
3. The ACF have already worked successfully with Woollahra Council in holding the very successful GreenHome Design and Renovations Expo in September 2006. Allan Coker represented Woollahra on an expert discussion panel at the expo.

There are four components to the GreenHome Workshop and Competition Project:

The competition (October 2007 – March 2008) – six month competition where participating households are challenged to save the most greenhouse emissions.

Launch event (25 October 2007) – the workshop and competition project will be launched at a cocktail party at the Royal Motor Yacht Club (RMYC), Point Piper.

Workshop lunch (28 November 2007) – to provide a forum for participants to hear practical advice on greenhouse reduction actions, stalls from suppliers of relevant green products, and other assistance for participants to take action.

GreenHomes parties (October 2007 – February 2008) – participants will be asked to nominate themselves to host a GreenHome party, which is a home assessment undertaken with a group of friends to demonstrate actions that can be carried out around the home.

Further information on the program is presented in the ACF's GreenHomes briefing paper attached as **annexure 1**.

3. Proposal

A meeting was held with staff from the ACF, Waverley Council and Council's Environmental Protection Coordinator on 29 August 2007, to discuss the program and potential areas for Council support.

Three levels of support of the project were outlined at the meeting with the ACF, being:

1. Promotion of the program on the Council website and the Council newsletter
2. Councillors and the Mayor would be invited to the project launch cocktail party and follow-up luncheon. The Mayor would be welcome to speak at the project launch.
3. Council endorsement of the program, expressed through:
 - Provision of comments and quotes for media releases and media coverage
 - Use of the Woollahra Council logo on relevant program materials, for example on a program information brochure, or a poster advertising the competition.

4. Conclusion

It is recommended that Council support the ACF's GreenHome Workshop and Competition Project, especially considering that Woollahra's residents consistently rank as some of the highest generators of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia. Woollahra has previously supported and was actively involved in the ACF's GreenHome Design and Renovations Expo, which was successfully held in September 2006.

Council is looking to conduct a residential water and energy education program through the Urban Sustainability Program, Eastern Suburbs Eco- footprint Grant, though this component of the project is in the early stages of development. The results of the ACF GreenHome Workshop and Competition Project will provide valuable information for the development of Council's residential program.

Rebecca Peacock
Environmental Protection Coordinator

Chris Bluett
Manager Strategic Planning

Annexure

1. Australian Conservation Foundation GreenHome Program briefing paper.

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Traffic Committee Presentation**
Author: Alan Opera – Manager Public Infrastructure
File No: 595.G
Reason for Report: To inform the C&E Committee of the operations of the Woollahra Traffic Committee and Council’s Traffic Section.

Recommendation

That this information be noted.

A presentation will be made to the Community & Environment Committee updating the Committee on the operations of the Woollahra Traffic Committee and of Council’s Traffic Section.

The Woollahra Traffic Committee (WTC) is not a committee of Council. It is an advisory committee which operates under a delegation to Council from the Roads and Traffic Authority (under Section 50 of the Transport Administration Act). The Committee comprises representatives from the Police, the RTA, the STA, local members of parliament and Council and deals with all traffic matters which require Council’s approval (under its delegation from the RTA). Generally the Committee reaches a consensus agreement on its recommendations to Council.

Council’s Traffic Section is a part of the Department of Public Infrastructure within the Technical Services Division. The section deals with all traffic and transport matters referred to Council and provides highly specialised traffic engineering advice to Council, other divisions of Council and to the community. This section is made up of three professional staff and two administrative staff.

Alan Opera
Manager Public Infrastructure

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Acting Director Technical Services