

# **Community & Environment Committee Minutes**

**Monday 25 July 2011**

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# Community & Environment Committee Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 25 July 2011 at 6.00pm**

Present: Her Worship The Mayor, Councillor Isabelle Shapiro ex-officio  
Councillors Susan Wynne (Chair)  
Anthony Boskovitz  
Sean Carmichael  
Susan Jarnason  
Andrew Petrie

Staff: Stephen Dunshea (Director – Corporate Services)  
Gary James (General Manager)  
Tom O’Hanlon (Director – Technical Services)  
Bruce Rann (Manager – Open Space & Trees)

Also in Attendance: Councillor Nicola Grieve  
Councillor Chris Howe (Item R1)

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## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Councillors Greg Medcraft & Peter Cavanagh

Apologies: Nil

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## **Late Correspondence**

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: R1

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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**Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Item D1)**

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 11 July 2011**  
**Author:** Les Windle – Manager Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of 11 July 2011 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.

**(Petrie/Jarnason)**

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 11 July 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Item R1)**

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **WMC Draft Tree Management Policy**  
**Author:** Bruce Rann – Manager Open Space and Trees  
**File No:** 262.G  
**Reason for Report:** Reporting the findings of the public exhibition period

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by Joseph & Rima Hofmanis.

**Note:** The following people addressed the Committee:

- Dennis Rabinowitz from Darling Point
- Phillip Palmer from Vaocluse
- Geoff Farland from Landerer & Company (Representing Mr & Mrs Hofmanis)
- Joseph Hofmanis from Darling Point
- Sarah Renwick from Darling Point
- Paul Espie from Darling Point

**Motion moved by Councillor Petrie  
Seconded by Councillor Shapiro**

- 1 That Council note that amendments to version 12 of the Tree Management Policy have been made in line with public submissions.
- 2 That Council note that the community remains strongly divided on the issue of view pruning of park trees.

- 3 That Council adopt Version 12 of the Tree Management Policy which does allow view pruning and solar access pruning of park trees, subject to the following amendments:
  - i Guideline 3 on page 12 being amended to read *“The tree is centrally located in the view corridor of the principal living area and within approximately 50 metres of the viewing point.”*
  - ii Guideline 3 on page 14 being amended to read *“The tree is located within approximately 25 metres of a habitable room with significant reduced light levels.”*
- 4 That Council prune generally to the Australian Standard (AS 4373) and that this be reflected in the final draft of the Tree Management Policy.
- 5 That the Tree Management Policy be reviewed within three years of the date of adoption.
- 6 That the Committee receive a report one year after adoption of the Tree Management Policy detailing the impact that application of the policy has had on view pruning of park trees.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Jarnason  
Seconded by Councillor Wynne**

- 1 That Council note that amendments to versions 11 and 12 of the Tree Management Policy have been made in line with public submissions.
- 2 That Council note that the community remains strongly divided on the issue of view pruning of park trees.
- 3 That Council adopt Version 11 of the Tree Management Policy which does not allow view pruning or solar access pruning of park trees.
- 4 That Council continue to prune to the Australian Standard (AS 4373) and that this be reflected in the final draft of the Tree Management Policy

**The Amendment was put and lost  
The Motion was put and carried**

**(Petrie/Shapiro)**

**Recommendations:**

- 1 That Council note that amendments to version 12 of the Tree Management Policy have been made in line with public submissions.
- 2 That Council note that the community remains strongly divided on the issue of view pruning of park trees.
- 3 That Council adopt Version 12 of the Tree Management Policy which does allow view pruning and solar access pruning of park trees, subject to the following amendments:
  - i Guideline 3 on page 12 being amended to read *“The tree is centrally located in the view corridor of the principal living area and within approximately 50 metres of the viewing point.”*

- ii Guideline 3 on page 14 being amended to read *“The tree is located within approximately 25 metres of a habitable room with significant reduced light levels.”*
  - 4 That Council prune generally to the Australian Standard (AS 4373) and that this be reflected in the final draft of the Tree Management Policy.
  - 5 That the Tree Management policy be reviewed within three years of the date of adoption.
  - 6 That the Committee receive a report one year after adoption of the Tree Management Policy detailing the impact that application of the policy has had on view pruning of park trees.
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.40pm.

***We certify that the pages numbered 1880 to 1885 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 25 July 2011 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 8 August 2011 as correct.***

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**