

Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Tuesday 29 March 2005

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 29 March 2005 at 6.05pm**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Rundle, ex-officio
Councillors Marcus Ehrlich (Chair)
 Anthony Boskovitz
 Claudia Cullen
 Tanya Excell
 Wilhelmina Gardner
 Andrew Petrie

Staff: G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)
 W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)
 D Sheils (Manager – Public Open Space)
 K Walshe (Director – Community Services)
 T Tuxford (Manager - Compliance)

Also in Attendance: Nil

Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Nil

Late Correspondence

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

Declarations of Interest

Nil

Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D3)

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 14 March 2005**
Author: Les Windle – Manager Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of 14 March 2005 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.

(Gardner/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 14 March 2005 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegation to Committee
Subject: **2005 Reconciliation Week**
Author: Jo Jansyn, Leisure and Cultural Development Coordinator
File No: 722.G Forum
Reason for Report: To report on Woollahra Council activities for 2005 Reconciliation Week

(Gardner/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

1. That the hosting of the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum's 2005 Pauline McLeod Award for Reconciliation and the Schools Art Competition be noted.
2. That Council endorse the flying of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags from Council's Redleaf Building flagpoles during 2005 Reconciliation Week, 27 May - 3 June.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: Notification policy for the proposed removal of public trees
Author: David Sheils - Manager Public Open Space
File No: 262.G
Reason for Report: To respond to a Notice of Motion seeking the steps required to amend our notification procedure relating to the removal of Council trees.

Note: M/s E Van Aalst addressed the Committee.

(Boskovitz/Cullen)

Resolved:

- A. That we continue to trial for a period of six months the practice of signposting public trees proposed to be removed.
- B. That following the completion of a six-month trial period, if no substantive difficulties arise, adopt the procedure.
- C. That if difficulties arise during the trial period, a further report be prepared for Council's consideration.

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

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: Dog Control Issues - Vaocluse Beach (Beach Paddock)
Author: Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance
File No: 206.G and 271.G
Reason for Report: To consider the submission from the Historic Houses Trust dated 4 February 2005, responding to the Council resolution of 13 December 2004. The Trust is proposing to impose 'Conditions of Entry' to Vaocluse Beach (Beach Paddock), which are in conflict with Council's adopted dog control provisions for the area.

Note: Mr G Lowrie-Jones, member of the Animal Advisory Committee and a local resident, Mr L Collins, Vaocluse House Curator and representing the Historic Houses Trust and Ms L Sanchez, member of the Animal Advisory Committee and a local resident addressed the committee.

**Motion moved by Councillor Gardner
Seconded by Councillor Boskovitz**

- A. That Council receives and notes the Historic Houses Trust letter dated 4 February 2005 detailing the Trust's proposed 'Conditions of Entry' to the "*public place*" area of Vaucluse House known as the Beach Paddock. The Council further notes that the Historic Houses Trust, as the authority with the care, control and management of the Beach Paddock will be responsible for enforcing their proposed 'Conditions of Entry'.
- B. That Council reaffirm Council's decision of 13 December 2004 and erect the required regulatory signage on the Council's land adjacent to the entrances to the Beach Paddock.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Rundle
Seconded by Councillor Petrie**

- A. That Council receives and notes the Historic Houses Trust letter dated 4 February 2005 detailing the Trust's proposed 'Conditions of Entry' to the "*public place*" area of Vaucluse House known as the Beach Paddock. The Council further notes that the Historic Houses Trust, as the authority with the care, control and management of the Beach Paddock will be responsible for enforcing their proposed 'Conditions of Entry'.
- B. That Council reaffirm Council's decision of 13 December 2004, but defer the erection of the regulatory signage required by Part F of the resolution to allow for further negotiations with the Historic Houses Trust in an endeavour to reach a compromise.

**The Amendment was put and carried.
The Amendment became the Motion.
The Motion was adopted.**

Recommendation:

- A. That Council receives and notes the Historic Houses Trust letter dated 4 February 2005 detailing the Trust's proposed 'Conditions of Entry' to the "*public place*" area of Vaucluse House known as the Beach Paddock. The Council further notes that the Historic Houses Trust, as the authority with the care, control and management of the Beach Paddock will be responsible for enforcing their proposed 'Conditions of Entry'.
- B. That Council reaffirm Council's decision of 13 December 2004, but defer the erection of the regulatory signage required by Part F of the resolution to allow for further negotiations with the Historic Houses Trust in an endeavour to reach a compromise.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.59pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 435 to 440 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 29 March 2005 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 11 April 2005 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee