

Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 26 November 2012

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 26 November 2012 at 6.00pm**

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio
Councillors Deborah Thomas (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Peter Cavanagh
Susan Wynne
Jeff Zulman

Staff: Stephen Dunshea (Director – Corporate Services)
Gary James (General Manager)
Tom O’Hanlon (Director – Technical Services)
Kylie Walshe (Director – Community Services)
Cathy Edwards-Davis (Manager-Engineering Services)
Susan Turner (Manager-Community Development)
Tim Tuxford (Manager-Compliance)
Caitlin Moffat (Project Officer – Open Space & Trees)

Also in Attendance: Nil

Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Elena Wise & Anthony Marano and Leave of Absence granted.

Late Correspondence

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: R3

Declarations of Interest

Nil

Note: The Committee resolved to consider Items R2 & R4 prior to the remaining Items due to members of the public gallery wishing to address the Committee in relation to those items.

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 12 November 2012**
Author: Les Windle – Manager Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of 12 November 2012 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.

(Cavanagh/Wynne)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 12 November 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 & Operational Plan 2012/13 (DPOP) Quarterly Progress Report September 2012 against Goal 1 - A Connected & Harmonious Community, Goal 2 - A Supported Community, Goal 3 - A Creative & Vibrant Community, Goal 5 - Liveable Places, Goal 7 - Protecting our Environment and Goal 8 - Sustainable use of Resources.**
Author: Kylie Walshe - Director Community Services
Tom O'Hanlon - Director Technical Services
File No: 1229.G
Reason for Report: To review the status of the Priorities and Actions in Council's Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2012/13 for the three months ending 30 September 2012.

(Wynne/Cavanagh)

Resolved:

THAT the September 2012 Quarterly Progress Report on Goal 1 (A connected & harmonious community), Goal 2 (A supported community), Goal 3 (A creative & vibrant community), Goal 5 (Liveable places), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) of Council's Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2012/13 be received and noted.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting 25 October 2012**
Author: Joan Ruthven - Library Community Programs Team Leader
File No: 474.G Plaques
Reason for Report: To table the minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 October 2012.

(Cavanagh/Wynne)

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 October 2012 be noted and endorsed.

**Items with Recommendations from this Committee
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R4)**

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Community and Cultural Small Grants Round 2012-2013**
Author: Romi Scodellaro, Community Development Officer
File No: 30.G
Reason for Report: To give consideration to applications for Section 356 Community and Cultural Small Grants Round from local community groups and services.

(Wynne/Cavanagh)

Recommendation:

That Council approve the selection panel's recommendations for the successful October 2012 Community and Cultural Small Grants Round.

Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **McKell Park - Conditions of Hire**
Author: Paul Fraser - Team Leader, Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 175.G
Reason for Report: To respond to a Notice of Motion regarding the conditions of hire for McKell Park, Darling Point.

Note: Mr Tim Alleton, representing a number of local residents, and Mr John Taberner from Herbert Smith Freehills addressed the Committee in relation to this matter.

(Petrie/Wynne)

Recommendations:

- A. That the conditions of hire for McKell Park are restricted to 2 events per day on weekends.
- B. That a bond of \$250 be added to the fees and charges schedule for 2013/14 for all future events in McKell Park.
- C. That the maximum guest numbers for all functions at McKell Park be reduced to 100 people.
- D. That whenever possible the WMC Rangers will check on events at McKell Park and report back to the Recreational Booking Coordinator who will withhold the bond if any park hire conditions were not met.
- E. The impact of these amended conditions be reviewed and reported to the Community and Environment Committee after 12 months.

Item No: R3 Recommendation to Council

Subject: **Review of the 'Terms of the Reference' and Operations of The Animal Advisory Committee**

Authors: Suzy Rich, Chair - Animal Advisory Committee
Colin DeCosta, Coordinator - Regulatory Services
Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance

File No: 271.G AACM

Reason for Report: To review the 'Terms of Reference' and operations of the Animal Advisory Committee as required by the Community & Environment Committee resolution of 22 October 2012.

Note: Late correspondence from Erika van Aalst was tabled at the meeting.

(Petrie/Wynne)

Recommendation:

- A. That the Animal Advisory Committee 'Terms of Reference' adopted on 27 September 2004 be amended in accordance with 'Annexure 2' to the report to the Community and Environment Committee meeting of 26 November 2012.
- B. That Council invites nominations from the respective community representative categories for membership to the Animal Advisory Committee in accordance with the amended 'Terms of Reference' adopted under Part A above.
- C. That the Mayor be delegated authority to appoint all representatives to the Animal Advisory Committee in accordance with the amended 'Terms of Reference' adopted under Part A above.
- D. That a letter of gratitude and special acknowledgement be issued to Dr Barrie Towers, Vicki Etherington and Dr Pamela Tinslay who have been members of the Animal Advisory Committee since its inception in 1997.

Item No: R4 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Oxford Street, Paddington - Proposed RMS Works**
Author: Cathy Edwards-Davis, Manager Engineering Services
File No:
Reason for Report: Response to RMS Proposals

Note: Keri Huxley addressed the Committee in relation to this matter.

(Cavanagh/Wynne)

Recommendation:

- A. That Council write to the RMS and to the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, the Hon John Ajaka, expressing its strongest possible opposition to the proposed changes to Oxford Street, Paddington, including:
- Installation of a pedestrian fence in the centre of Oxford Street, between Oatley Road and Jersey Road
 - Extension of the central median islands in Oxford Street, across the intersections with George, William, Underwood and Elizabeth Streets
- B. That the Committee's recommendation proceed to the Council meeting on the 26 November 2012 as a matter of urgency, so that a submission can be made to RMS by the 3 December 2012.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.04pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 3230 to 3236 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2012 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 10 December 2012 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee