

Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 5 September 2005

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 5 September 2005 at 6.00pm**

- Present: The Mayor, Councillor Rundle, ex-officio
Councillors Marcus Ehrlich (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz – Joined during Item D2
Claudia Cullen
Tanya Excell
Wilhelmina Gardner
Andrew Petrie – Joined during Item D2
John Walker – Joined Item D2
- Staff: G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)
G James (General Manager)
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)
F Lawrence (Manager – Library Services)
Z Marolia (Manager Property and Projects)
T Tuxford (Manager – Compliance)
- Also in Attendance: Councillor Shoebridge from Item D2
Councillor Huxley from Item D3
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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 D4)

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 22 August 2005**
Author: Les Windle – Manager Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of 22 August 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.

(Cullen/Excell)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 22 August 2005 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Library Report for the Twelve Months 2004/2005**
Author: Faye Lawrence - Manager - Library Services
File No: 48.G
Reason for Report: To review the Library operations for the full year 1 July, 2004 to 30 June, 2005.

(Cullen/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

1. That the report of the Library Service for the year 2004/2005 be noted.
2. That a report be prepared as soon as possible for the consideration of the Committee on:
 - a) Comparative performance of Woollahra Libraries and other libraries.
 - b) Issues associated with the decline in circulation at the Watsons Bay branch.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Queen Street, Woollahra, Car Park Improvements**
Author: Zubin Marolia, Manager Property & Projects
File No: 131. and 373.109
Reason for Report: To report on the advertising process in relation to the proposed improvements of Council's car park in Dorhauer Lane.

(Boskovitz/Excell)

That the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee to allow for an estimate of the cost of work to be provided.

(Walker/Petrie)

Amendment

That the design, with the addition of bike storage on the site, detailed in Drawing No.14880, be further considered when funding is made available.

The Amendment was put and won

The Amendment became the motion and was carried.

(Walker/Petrie)

Resolved:

That the design, with the addition of bike storage on the site, detailed in Drawing No.14880, be further considered when funding is made available.

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Excessive Street Signs**
Author: Alan Opera
File No:
Reason for Report: To report back to Council on a question without notice calling for a report.

(Petrie/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

1. That in-house guidelines for regulatory signposting be developed along the lines outlined in this report and referred to a future meeting of the Community and Environment Committee in about two months time.
2. That the guidelines, about the Council's concerns about the proliferation of signs, be drawn to the attention of the Traffic Committee.

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

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council

Subject: **24 Hour Dog Off Leash - Yarranabbe Park & northern end of Steyne Park**

Author: Greg Radford, Ranger Supervisor
Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance

File No: 271.G/23; 226.G/5; & 181.G/9

Reason for Report: To consider the formal adoption of the current 24 hour dog off leash provisions that apply at Yarranabbe Park & the northern section of Steyne Park, which were initially introduced for a trial period of six (6) months in May 2002.

(Cullen/Rundle)

Recommendation:

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 13(6) of the *Companion Animals Act* 1998, resolve to declare the following areas Type D – Unleashed dogs allowed at all times;

- Yarranabbe Park, Darling Point (as illustrated in “Annexure 1”), excluding the children’s playground area and the area within 10 metres of any playing apparatus.

Note: Pursuant to Section 14(1)(a) of the *Companion Animals Act* 1998, dogs are prohibited from the area within 10 metres of any playing apparatus.

- The northern end of Steyne Park, north of the pathway and the area of Double Bay Beach adjacent to Steyne Park north of the seawall and west of Double Bay Sailing Club (as illustrated in “Annexure 2”), except during organised sailing events when dogs are required to be held on leash at all times.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.58pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 1581 to 1586 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2005 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 19 September 2005 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee