

# **Community & Environment Committee Minutes**

**Monday 27 September 2004**

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 27 September 2004 at 6.00pm**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Rundle, ex-officio  
Councillors Marcus Ehrlich (Chair)  
Anthony Boskovitz  
Tanya Excell  
Wilhelmina Gardner (Joined during D3)  
Andrew Petrie (At Urban Planning Committee)

Staff: G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)  
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)  
M Woods (Acting Director – Technical Services)

Also in Attendance: Nil

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## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cullen and Walker and Leave of Absence granted.

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## **Late Correspondence**

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

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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

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**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

**(Rundle/Excell)**

**Resolved:**

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

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**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 13 September 2004**  
**Author:** Les Windle – Manager Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of 13 September 2004 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.

**(Excell/Boskovitz)**

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 13 September 2004 be taken as read and confirmed.

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**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Plastic Bags Working Party – Terms of Reference and Minutes for Meetings on 16 August / 6 September 2004**  
**Author:** Philip Dahms, Team Leader – Waste Planning  
**File No:** 588.G  
**Reason for Report:** For the Committee to consider the item requiring the decision of the Committee.

**(Bozkovitz/Rundle)****Resolved:**

- A. THAT the following Terms of Reference and Objectives be adopted for the Plastic Bags Working Party (PBWP):

**Terms of Reference**

- receive and review progress reports on Council's plastic bag reduction initiative;
- promote the environmental objectives of the initiative through a range of community forums;
- liaise with the community and use the PBWP as a forum for feedback to Council on the plastic bag initiative;
- consider the priority and resource needs of the PBWP work program;
- facilitate liaison where appropriate with other regional councils;
- assist Council in seeking supplementary or joint funding opportunities; and
- implement the resolutions of the Community & Environment Committee.

**Objectives**

The objectives are to promote the "no use of plastic bags" and their effective recycling through:

- a. encouraging supermarkets in the municipality to provide recycling facilities for plastic bags in liaison with local supermarket chain personnel and to encourage supermarkets to go beyond the Retail Traders Association guideline for the reduction of the use of plastic bags
  - b. encouraging the use of alternative materials such as paper in "take away" outlets and at public events;
  - c. working with retailers and with other regional councils;
  - d. exploring with the NSW Government whether a ban on plastic bags would be contrary to the policy strategy to recover food waste; and
  - e. exploring with the NSW Government/LGA the introduction of a charge for plastic bags in all retail outlets.
- B. THAT the Minutes be noted.

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.10pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 1696 to 1700 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2004 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 11 October 2004 as correct.*

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**