

Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 31 March 2008

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 31 March 2008 at 6.00pm**

Present: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Geoff Rundle, ex-officio
Councillors Tanya Excell (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Andrew Petrie
Isabelle Shapiro
Fiona Sinclair King
John Walker
David Shoebridge (Items R1 & R3)

Staff:

W Hatton	(Director – Technical Services)
G James	(General Manager)
D Sheils	(Manager – Public Open Space)
K Walshe	(Director – Community Services)
D Johnston	(Manager – Finance)
R Peacock	(Environmental Protection Co-ordinator)

Also in Attendance: Nil

Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Marcus Ehrlich and Leave of Absence granted.

Late Correspondence

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

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Petrie declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item R2 (Review of Community Grants Policy & Guidelines) as he is on the board of Point Zero Youth Services which received a \$5,000 grant from Council.

Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D6)

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 March 2008**
Author: Les Windle – Manager Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of 10 March 2008 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.

(Shapiro/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 10 March 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Dunbar Anchor - Proposed maintenance Works**
Author: David Sheils – Manager Public Open Space
Rod Ward - Public Open Space Project Manager
File No: 190.G
Reason for Report: To recommend the Dunbar Anchor be removed to allow for maintenance works.

(Boskovitz/Shapiro)

Resolved:

- A. That the Dunbar Anchor be removed from Gap Park to allow for stage one maintenance works to be undertaken as outlined in the report.
 - B. That a further report be prepared for Council's consideration regarding preferred options for:
 - i) the anchor's preservation following stage one investigations; and
 - ii) the future long-term display of the anchor.
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Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Harbour Foreshore Cleaning Project**
Author: Melanie Tasker - Sustainability Projects Coordinator
David Sheils - Manager Public Open Space
File No: 1142.G
Reason for Report: To outline opportunities to improve the effectiveness of Council's beach cleaning operations.

Note: Paul Tobin of Vacluse addressed the Committee.

Note: The Committee amended part B of the resolution.

(Sinclair King/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

- A. That the information be noted.
- B. That a further report be prepared for the second Corporate and Works Committee Meeting in April that details how mechanical beach cleaning may be incorporated into Council's beach cleaning program including detailed costs, plant and funding options and staff rosters.

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Community Services Principal Activity - Draft 2008-2011 Management Plan**
Author: Kylie Walshe - Director Community Services
Tim Tuxford – Manager Compliance
File No: 827.G 08-11
Reason for Report: To review the principle activity of Community Services prior to inclusion in the draft 2008-2011 Management Plan.

(Petrie/Boskovtiz)

Resolved:

That, subject to any variation to the budget, the programs and projects for the Community Services Principal Activity be included in the draft Management Plan.

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Natural Environment Principal Activity - Draft 2008-2011 Management Plan**
Author: Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services
Allan Coker - Director Planning and Development
File No: 827.G 04-07
Reason for Report: To review the principal activity of Natural Environment prior to inclusion in the draft management plan.

(Sinclair King/Shapiro)

Resolved:

That, subject to any variation to the budget, the programs and projects for the Natural Environment Principal Activity be included in the draft Management Plan.

Item No: D6 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Parks & Public Space Principal Activity - Draft 2008-2011 Management Plan**
Author: Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services
File No: 827.G 04-07
Reason for Report: To review the principal activity of Parks & Public Space prior to inclusion in the draft management plan. .

(Shapiro/Sinclair King)

Resolved:

That, subject to any variation to the budget, the programs and projects for the Parks and Public Space Principal Activity be included in the draft Management Plan.

**Items with Recommendations from this Committee
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R3)**

Item No: R1 Recommended to Council
Subject: **Holdsworth Street Community Centre - 2008-2009 Strategic Plan**
Author: Kylie Walshe
File No: 126.6
Reason for Report: To report on the 2008 Strategic Plan for Holdsworth Street Community Centre.

Note: Late correspondence was tabled by Claire Wivell Plater – Chairperson & Michael Ryan – Director.

Note: Claire Wivell Plater - Chairperson and Michael Ryan – Director of the Holdsworth Street Community Centre addressed the Committee.

(Petrie/Shapiro)

Recommendation:

- A. That Council note the quarterly financial report for Holdsworth Street Community Centre for the quarter ending 31 December 2007 and congratulate the organisation for the service growth and improvements.
 - B. The Council support in principle the Holdsworth Street Community Centre 2008 -2009 Strategic Plan.
 - C. That Council reaffirm the Funding and Management Agreement and consider the budget request by Holdsworth Street Community Centre in its deliberations for the 2008/2009 budget.
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Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Review of Community Grants Policy & Guidelines**
Author: Kylie Walshe – Director Community Services
File No: 30.G
Reason for Report: Review of the procedure for the allocation of community grants through the Community Grants Program.

Note: Councillor Petrie declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Item as he is on the board of Point Zero Youth Services which received a \$5,000 grant from Council.

(Petrie/Shapiro)

Recommendation:

- A. That Council continue the current procedure for the allocation of Community Grants in the 2008/09 financial year, with some minor amendments to the Policy, Guidelines and procedures.
- B. That an extensive review of the Community Grants Program be undertaken in accordance with the Social & Cultural Plan 2008, once adopted.
- C. That Council allocate \$40,372 from the Holdsworth Community Centre reserve to additional community grants as detailed in this report.

Item No: R3 Recommended to Council
Subject: **Draft Energy Savings Action Plan**
Author: Rebecca Peacock - Environmental Protection Coordinator
File No: 990.G
Reason for Report: To present the draft Energy Savings Action Plan for endorsement of final draft status by Council.

Note: The Committee amended recommendation part a and added part b to the recommendation.

(Sinclair King/Shapiro)

Recommendation:

- A. THAT the draft Energy Savings Action Plan, including the optional components, contained in annexure 2 of the report to the Community and Environment Committee Meeting on 31 March 2008, be endorsed for the purpose of referral to the Minister of Utilities for approval.
- B. That a further report be brought to the Committee on the progress in implementing the Energy Savings Action Plan including initiatives that could see Council achieve a ranking of best practice in the Local Government Industry.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.05pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 966 to 974 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2008 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 14 April 2008 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee