

Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 29 November 2004

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 29 November 2004 at 6.05pm**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Rundle, ex-officio – (Joined during Item R1)

Councillors Marcus Ehrlich (Chair)
Wilhelmina Gardner
Andrew Petrie
John Walker

Staff: G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)
G James (General Manager)
D Sheils (Manager – Public Open Space)
F Lawrence (Acting Director – Community Services)
R Peacock (Environmental Protection Co-ordinator)
C Bluett (Manager – Strategic Planning)
T Tuxford (Manager – Compliance)

Also in Attendance: Councillors:
D Shoebridge (Joined during Item R1)
J Martin (Joined during Item R1)
C Dawson (Joined during Item R2)

Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Anthony Boskovitz, Tanya Excell and Claudia Cullen and Leave of Absence granted.

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 15 November 2004**
Author: Les Windle – Manager Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of 15 November 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.

(Petrie/Walker)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 15 November 2004 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes 15 November 2004**
Author: John Stephens, Team Leader – Traffic & Transport
File No: See Traffic Committee Minutes
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the item requiring the decision of the Committee.

(Petrie/Walker)

Resolved:

1. THAT the Recommendations of the Extra Ordinary Woollahra Traffic Committee meeting held on Monday 15 November 2004, Item Y1-1, be adopted.
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Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Golf Course Wetland Proposal**
Author: Jamie Howieson - Project Manager Environmental Works
File No: 221.G
Reason for Report: To inform Council of Sydney Water's Stormwater Environment Improvement Program.

(Petrie/Walker)

Resolved:

That the information be noted and further information be provided by Sydney Water as soon as possible.

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

Item No:	R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject:	Dog Control Issues - Vacluse House and Vacluse Beach (Beach Paddock)
Author:	Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance
File No:	206.G and 271.G
Reason for Report:	This report is in response to the Community & Environment Committee resolution of 12 July 2004 and to consider the proposed changes suggested by the Historic Houses Trust to their Dog Control Policy at Vacluse House and Beach.

Note: Mr Graeme Lowry Jones a resident in Hopetoun Avenue, Mr Barnabas Barko a local resident and Mr Nick Berry a local resident, addressed the Committee.

(Petrie/Walker)

Recommendation:

- A. That Council receives and notes the Historic Houses Trust letters dated 10 September and 13 October 2004 and the Trust's position paper on its "Dog Policy at Vacluse House" dated 11 October 2004.
- B. That Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14 of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, order the prohibition of dogs from the "public place" area within Vacluse House known as the "Pleasure Gardens", being the fenced area immediately in front of the main house.
- C. That Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 13(6) of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* and for a minimum trial period of 12 months, resolve to permit dogs on leash at all times and unleashed between 4.30pm – 8.30am on the "public place" area of Vacluse House known as the Beach Paddock to the north of Wentworth Road, Vacluse.
- D. That the 12 month trial period specified in paragraph C above is to commence when the required regulatory signs have been erected to reflect the restrictions adopted under that paragraph. Until that time, Council will continue to enforce the general provisions of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, as they apply to the "public place" area of Vacluse House known as the Beach Paddock.
- E. That at the conclusion of the 12 month trial period specified in paragraph C above the restrictions adopted under that paragraph are to remain in force until the matter has been put back before Council for further consideration.
- F. That Council formally notify the Historic Houses Trust of the Council's decision in relation to the above dog control matters for Vacluse House and seek their co-operation to introduce these changes as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of the community. If agreement can not be reached with the Historic Houses Trust on the above dog control measures or if the required regulatory signage is not erected within sixty (60) days from the date of Council's decision, Council should erect required signage on Council's land, adjacent to the entrances to the Beach Paddock.

Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Sir David Martin Reserve Plan of Management**
Author: David Sheils - Manager Public Open Space
File No: 787.G POM
Reason for Report: To recommend to Council the adoption of the Sir David Martin Reserve Plan of Management.

Note: Mr Richard Humbley representing the Rushcutters Bay Group, addressed the Committee.

(Rundle/Walker)

Recommendation:

That the Sir David Martin Reserve Plan of Management version November 2004 be adopted, with the following amendments:

A. Section 6.12 to insert "with an appropriate memorial". The specific objective shall then read:

"Prepare a cohesive Interpretation Program with an appropriate memorial for the site that will tell the story of the Reserve in a manner that is accessible and engaging to the public."

B. Section 6.12 to change the priority of the two actions from Medium to Short term.

Item No: R3 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Draft Woollahra State Of The Environment Report 2003/2004**
Author: Rebecca Peacock – Environmental Protection Coordinator
File No: 883.G
Reason for Report: To introduce the Draft Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2003/2004

(Petrie/Walker)

Recommendation

- A. THAT the Draft Woollahra 2003/2004 State of the Environment Report be received and adopted.
- B. THAT the Draft Woollahra 2003/2004 State of the Environment Report be distributed to the following organisations and individuals: Council's libraries, schools within the Woollahra area, resident action groups within the Woollahra area, Chambers of Commerce within the area, adjoining councils and the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils, Woollahra Councillors and senior Council staff.
- C. THAT Council formally thanks the organisations that contributed to the preparation of the Draft Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2003/2004.

- D. THAT the Committee's recommendation be considered by the Council Meeting on the 29 November 2004 as a matter of urgency, as the State of the Environment Report is required to be adopted by 30 November 2004.
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.01pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 2303 to 2309 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 29 November 2004 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 13 December 2004 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee