

Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 24 November 2014

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 24 November 2014 at 6.00pm**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer ex-officio (Items D1 & R1)
Councillors Anthony Marano (Chair)
Peter Cavanagh
Greg Levenston
Andrew Petrie
Matthew Robertson
Elena Wise (Arrived 7.10 pm Item R3)
Susan Wynne

Staff: Stephen Dunshea (Director – Corporate Services)
Gary James (General Manager)
Tom O’Hanlon (Director – Technical Services)
Paul Fraser (Manager – Open Space & Trees)
Kylie Walshe (Director – Community Services)
Cathy Edwards-Davis (Manager - Engineering Services)
Caitlin Moffatt (Team Leader – Open Space & Recreation)

Also in Attendance: Nil

Note: The Committee considered Item R1 prior to Item D2 as a number of members of the public gallery wished to address the Councillors on the matter.

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 D3)

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 November 2014**
Author: Craig Bennett – Manager Governance & Council Support
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of 10 November 2014 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.

(Wynne/Cavanagh)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 10 November 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Delivery Program 2013 to 2017 & Operational Plan 2014/15 (DPOP) Quarterly Progress Report September 2014 against Goal 1 - A connected & harmonious community, Goal 2 - A supported community, Goal 3 - A creative & vibrant community, Goal 5 - Liveable places, Goal 6 - Getting around, Goal 7 - Protecting our environment and Goal 8 - Sustainable use of resources.**
Author: Vicki Munro - Acting 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 2013 to 2017 and Operational Plan 2014/15 for the three months ending 30 September 2014.

(Petrie/Wynne)

Resolved:

THAT the September 2014 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 6 (Getting around), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) of Council's Delivery Program 2013 to 2017 and Operational Plan 2014/15 be received and noted.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Feasibility of Synthetic Turf Sportsfield in Woollahra**
Author: Paul Fraser, Manager - Open Space & Trees
File No:
Reason for Report: To respond to an adopted Notice of Motion on the potential for the installation of an artificial turf surface on Council's sports fields.

Note: Nicola Grieve, a resident of O'Sullivan Road Rose Bay addressed the Committee in relation to this item.

(Wynne/Petrie)

Resolved:

- A. That Council engage a suitable consultant to implement a design options report and cost benefit analysis for Woollahra Oval No.1 and up to 2 other sports fields in Woollahra.
- B. That Council approach potential funding groups, including private schools and current user groups to determine interest in a shared arrangement for construction and management of the facility.
- C. That a further report be presented to the Community & Environment Committee on the contents of the study and cost benefit analysis, planning requirements and potential funding sources. The report is to include further reference to the social, community, environmental and risk aspects of the proposal.
- D. Council note that should the outcome of the report be positive a proposal be considered in the planning of the 2015/16 DPOP and Budget.
- E. That Council also investigate State and Federal grant opportunities as potential funding sources.

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

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Trumper Park Dog Regulations – Review of Public Exhibition**
Author: Paul Fraser, Manager - Open Space and Trees
File No: 271.G
Reason for Report: To report on the public exhibition of changes to dog off-leash regulations in Trumper Park.

Note: The following local residents addressed the Committee in relation to this item: Zoe Rodriguez, Arki Dowse, Piers Akerman, Richard Chadwick, Nicola Grieve, Catherine Groenlund, Sally Psaltis and Lucinda Dowse.

Motion moved by Councillor Petrie

That Council implement a six month dog off-leash trial with appropriate signage.

Motion lapsed for want of a Seconder.**Motion moved by Councillor Wynne****Seconded by Councillor Robertson**

In accordance with staff recommendation with the addition of the following Part C:

C. That staff install dog-bag dispensers at the entrances to Trumper Park.

The motion was put and carried.

(Wynne/Robertson)

Recommendation:

- A. That the dog regulations in Trumper Park remain unchanged as follows:
 - i. Dog on-leash at all times (except Trumper Oval)
 - ii. Dogs prohibited at all times on Trumper Oval playing surface.
 - B. Council Rangers to continue enforcement of dog regulations in Trumper Park through patrols and issuing of fines for noncompliance of regulations.
 - C. That staff install dog-bag dispensers at the entrances to Trumper Park.
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.17 pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 4179 to 4184 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2014 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 15 December 2014 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee