

# Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 27 March 2006

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 27 March 2006 at 6.00pm**

Present: Councillors Anthony Boskovitz (Chair)  
Tanya Excell  
John Walker

Staff: G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)  
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)  
G James (General Manager)  
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)

Also in Attendance: Nil

**Note: A quorum was not present. The Committee considered the items on the agenda and referred all items (R1 – R6) to the next Council meeting.**

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## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Councillors Petrie and Walker

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Martin, Cullen, Ehrlich, Sinclair King and Leave of Absence granted.

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## **Late Correspondence**

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Item: D4

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R6)**

**Item No:** R1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 13 March 2006**  
**Author:** Les Windle – Manager Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of 13 March 2006 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/Walker)**

**Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 13 March 2006 be taken as read and confirmed.

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**Item No:** R2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Plastic bags working party**  
**Author:** Pamela Mina – Waste Projects Officer  
**File No:**  
**Reason for Report:** To inform Councillors of the progress of the Plastic Bags Working Party

**(Excell/Walker)**

**Recommendation**

1. That the report be received and noted.
  2. That Council endorse the purchase of the proposed banner in order to assist with promotion of the key campaign message and retail precinct's commitment to reducing plastic bags.
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**Item No:** R3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Organics Collection trial**  
**Author:** Mark Ramsay – Manager Depot & Waste Services  
**File No:**  
**Reason for Report:** To inform Councillors of a proposed organics collection trial

**(Excell/Walker)**

**Recommendation**

1. That the report be received and noted

2. That the Plastic Bag Working Committee investigate ways of combining the trial with the reduction campaign

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**Item No:** R4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Consultant brief**  
**Author:** Mark Ramsay – Manager Depot and Waste Services  
**File No:**  
**Reason for Report:** To inform Councillors about a proposed survey of residents regarding their attitude to a change to the current garbage service in Paddington/West Woollahra

**Note:** In accordance with Councils meeting procedures this item was called to full Council by Councillor Huxley for the following reasons:

- For Councillors to receive, prior to the matter being determined by Council, the full original report of 2001.
- For further information to be provided to consider all households in the Woollahra Municipality receiving the survey instead of only residents in Woollahra and Paddington,
- The funds allocated are insufficient to cover the whole Municipality should this decision be made.
- Consideration of the matter by all Councillors is in the public interest.

(Excell/Walker)

**Recommendation**

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That there be a further report on the results of the survey.

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**Item No:** R5 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Community Services Grants & one-off donations**  
**Author:** Kylie Walshe  
**File No:** 30.G  
**Reason for Report:** To give consideration to the Community Grants Policy and donations by Council.

**Note:** The Committee amended recommendation C.

(Walker/Excell)

**Recommendation:**

- A. That Council adopt the revised Community Grants Policy, allocate funds in the 2006/07 budget and commence the advertisement for 2006/07 grants.

- B. That a report be presented to Council on receipt of Community Grant applications for final determination of grants for 2006/07.
- C. That Council provide \$10,000 in the Budget for the allocation of funds for donations on an 'as needs' basis for humanitarian and emergency assistance, national or internationally, as and when such emergencies arise during the year.
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**Item No:** R6 Recommendation to Council

**Subject:** **Policy on Clothing Bins on Council Land**

**Author:** Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance

**File No:** 297.G

**Reason for Report:** This report has been prepared in response to a Council 'Notice of Motion' adopted on 28 November 2005 which requested a report on clothing bins and to allow Council to consider the adoption of a formal policy on the placement of clothing bins on Council land.

**Note:** The Committee added new recommendations C and D.

(Walker/Excell)

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the Council adopt the 'Policy on Clothing Bins on Council Land' as contained in Annexure "1" of this report.
- B. That Council notify all owners/operators of clothing bins currently located on Council controlled land of the adopted policy, inviting the owners/operators of complying clothing bins to lodge a formal Section 68 Local Government Approval Application for the Council's consideration. Owners/operators of non-complying bins are to be requested to remove their clothing bins within 30 days of the date of Council's notification letter.
- C. That the application fee be reduced from \$100 to \$40 per bin.
- D. That the maximum number of bins on Council land be.....(to be provided in late correspondence at the Council meeting).
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 458 to 463 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 27 March 2006 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 10 April 2006 as correct.*

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**