



CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3 IN THE CITY OF JOONDALUP CIVIC CHAMBERS, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON 15 MAY 2000 AT 5.30 PM.

ATTENDANCES

Cr C Mackintosh	City of Joondalup
Cr S Magyar	City of Joondalup
Cr A Nixon	City of Joondalup
Mr G De Piazzi	Community Representative
Mr Vic Harman	Community Representative
Mr James Kirton	City of Joondalup, Manager Strategic Development
Mr John Goldsmith	City of Joondalup, Local Agenda 21 Officer.

APOLOGIES

Dr Ray Froend (Community Representative).
Mr Martin Bowman (Community Representative).

Ms D James (Community Representative) has resigned from the Environmental Advisory Committee (refer to minutes dated 30 November 1998). Community Representative Mr Garry De Piazzi arrived at 5.50 pm.

No Attendance

Mr A Carmen Brown Community Representative
Mr D Wake Community Representative

The Acting Chairman, Mr James Kirton, declared the meeting open at 5.35 pm.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Vic Harman moved that Cr Steve Magyar be nominated for Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

SECONDED: Cr. C Mackintosh.

Cr Steve Magyar accepted the nomination.

No other nominations for Chairman were received.

MOTION: CARRIED.

Cr Steve Magyar was elected Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee and assumed the role of Chairman at 5.40pm.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr Vic Harman moved that the MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD on 30 November 1998, be confirmed as a true and accurate record. Mr Harman was the only person from the current committee present at the previous meeting.

SECONDED: Cr. Steve Magyar
MOTION: CARRIED

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr Vic Harman queried the status of the Craigie Open Space (Item 3.2). Mr James Kirton advised that item 3.2, Craigie Open Space, relates primarily to the Conservation Advisory Committee, which is presently considering the issue.

Cr C Mackintosh queried Item 4.1 regarding pricing of vermin proof fencing at Ellen Brook. Mr Vic Harman noted that the pricing was obtained for the purpose of background information as part of the discussions relating to the establishment of predator proof fenced areas, for the purpose of protecting native fauna.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Future Meetings

- Dates and Times

Mr Vic Harman moved that meetings of the Environmental Advisory Committee be held on the third Wednesday of each month, at 5.30 pm, with the next committee meeting scheduled for June 21, 2000.

SECONDED: Cr. Andrew Nixon.
MOTION: CARRIED.

2. Terms of Reference of Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr John Goldsmith outlined the Terms of Reference of the Environmental Advisory Committee;

“To recommend to Council on appropriate courses of action on matters that affect the environment within the region”.

Committee members noted that the terms of reference for the committee is wide ranging, and quite appropriate for the activities of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Cr Andrew Nixon moved that a report be prepared for submission directly to Council regarding the meeting schedule and terms of reference of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

SECONDED; Mr Vic Harman.
MOTION: CARRIED.

3. Committee Membership

Chairman Cr Steve Magyar led a discussion regarding the need for a review of the membership of the Environmental Advisory Committee. The need for a reassessment of committee membership has arisen due to the time elapsed since the last meeting, the separation of the City of Joondalup and the City of Wanneroo, and the resignation of one of the Community Representatives.

Options for a revised committee membership include;

- Advertising for community representatives.
- Community representatives from each ward.
- Representatives from the coastal and lakes area within City of Joondalup.
- Tertiary institutions (students and/or academics).
- Youth representatives (eg. Youth Advisory Committee, student associations etc).
- Staff representation (eg. Mr Dennis Cluning, Manager Operations Services) to be considered.

Mr Garry De Piazzi noted that he lives in the City of Wanneroo (not the City of Joondalup) and that he primarily has an agricultural background. He therefore considered that his role as community representative on the committee could be re-examined.

Cr Steve Magyar moved that the City of Joondalup administration seek the appropriate means for the Environmental Advisory Committee to expand committee membership and renew community representation, such as by seeking nominations for community representation via advertising.

SECONDED: Mr Vic Harman
MOTION: Carried

4. Discussion Item: Review of Environmental Advisory Committee Reporting and Communication Structure.

Mr James Kirton outlined the need of a structured approach to prioritising and actioning of items brought before the committee.

Cr Steve Magyar motioned that the Environmental Advisory Committee endorses the preparation of a briefing paper/report to Council which reviews the reporting structure, workload prioritisation and communication approach of the committee.

SECONDED: Mr Vic Harman.
MOTION: CARRIED.

5. Local Agenda 21

Cr C Mackintosh requested that a brief guideline be prepared regarding Local Agenda 21. Cr Steve Magyar also noted that a review of the history of Local Agenda 21 at the City of Joondalup would be useful, together with a summary of the key activities and issues of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr James Kirton advised that a report is being prepared and would be presented to the committee. The paper would provide background on previous consultant reports on Local Agenda 21 and recommendations for progressing the introduction of LA21 initiatives for the City of Joondalup.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Vic Harman queried whether a tape recorder was required to record the proceedings of the Environmental Advisory Committee meetings.

Mr James Kirton advised that this issue has been discussed with Mr Mike Smith, (COJ Manager Council Support Services). A minute clerk would be sought for future committee meetings. Mr Kirton will refer to Mr Mike Smith to pursue this.

ACTION: Mr James Kirton.

Mr James Kirton provided an update on initiatives relating to the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) programme. The City of Joondalup will shortly embark on Milestone 1 of the CCP programme, which comprises an inventory and forecast of Greenhouse gas emissions.

Cr Andrew Nixon noted opportunities for protecting native fauna within the City of Joondalup, by establishing areas with predator proof fencing. It was noted that without predator control and exclusion, that the bushland reserves within City of Joondalup are likely to loose native fauna due to on-going predation.

Cr C Mackintosh noted that haze is a significant environmental community issue, arising mainly from the use of wood heaters. The problem is evident at the start of winter, with some areas being particularly prone to haze. It was noted that some form of community education could help reduce the problem, such as the inclusion of articles in local papers (eg. Joondalup City Times).

ACTION: Mr James Kirton is to ensure that the above matters are considered when determining priorities and future workload for the committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday 21 June 2000, in Conference Room 3 at the City of Joondalup Civic Council Chambers, commencing at 5.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7.00 pm.