



# Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee  
12 November 2014  
4.00-6.00pm

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Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of minutes
3	Business arising from previous minutes
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5	Discuss other agency representatives
6	Sustainability policy
7	General Business
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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES –  
12 November 2014**

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**ITEM: 1 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Thomas Ebersoll, Sue Graves, Peter Evans, Julie Favell, Councillor Col Hunter.

**Apologies:** Trish Kidd.

**Officers:** Andrew Muir, Peta Lette, Damon Cupitt.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Nil

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**ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS  
MEETING**

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**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**THAT** the Minutes of the meeting of 28 May 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - Nil**

**MOVED:** Julie Favell

**SECONDED:** Thomas Ebersoll

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**ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

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**COMMENTARY**

Richard Whyte from the EPA spoke at the previous meeting (24 September 2014, not enough members to form a quorum) regarding EPA comments on the EISs for the Springvale and Angus Place extension projects, copy of comments provided to committee.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**THAT** The EAC Committee send a letter of thanks to Mr Whyte for his time and presentation.

**MOVED:** Julie Favell

**SECONDED:** Peter Evans

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**ITEM: 4      CYCLE TRACKS**

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**COMMENTARY**

There was a discussion as to whether the old railway links be looked at as potential cycle tracks and investigate ownership of former heritage rail siding for use with a cycle track. Clarification sought by committee – is there going to be an upgrade of cycle track over the Geordie Street bridge?

**COMMITTEE ACTION –**

**THAT** Council officers investigate ownership of former heritage rail siding and seek clarification of cycle track over Geordie Street Bridge.

**MOVED: Sue Graves**

**SECONDED: Julie Favell**

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**ITEM: 5      OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES**

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**COMMENTARY**

Could the committee issue special invitations to representatives of other agencies to discuss relevant topics with EAC.

**COMMITTEE ACTION –**

**THAT** the EAC issue a general invitation to a representative from Forestry to discuss areas of interest and use of forests.

**MOVED: Julie Favell**

**SECONDED: Thomas Ebersoll**

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**ITEM: 6      SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

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**SUMMARY**

Sustainability policies be downloaded from other councils for discussion at next meeting.

**COMMITTEE ACTION –**

**THAT** members of the committee bring sample policies to the next meeting for discussion.

**MOVED: Sue Graves**

**SECONDED: Peter Evans**

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**ITEM 7:      GENERAL BUSINESS**

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The following items of general business were discussed.

1. Council promotion of Clean up Australia Day details be advertised on Councils web page, Facebook, Council connections and the local paper.
2. Happy Valley Swamp access has new heavy gates installed to restrict access.
3. Funding - LLS funding for weed removal at Hillcrest Reserve project has commenced with good results.
4. Application for funding of Hassan's Walls for redevelopment of the car park, \$20,000 has been successful for weed control at Hassan's Walls and application is in for the 20 million trees project.
5. Concern for Hyde Park. The committee urges that appropriate measures be put in place to stop unauthorized entry and prevent further damage to works previously completed.
6. Hassans Walls P.O.M. – When will this project start with funding allocated.
7. That a historical list of agenda items and updates be included in agenda.
8. Thomas Ebersoll has printed a book on Newnes.
9. Copy of NSW scientific Committee distributed for information of EAC.
10. LAKE Pillans walkway is being quoted on.

**COMMITTEE ACTION –**

**THAT**

1. Council EHO promote Clean Up Australia Day in various media forms.
2. The committee congratulates Lithgow City Council on the environmental grant applications and works being carried out.
3. Council takes measures to prevent unauthorized entry to Hyde Park.

**MOVED: Sue Graves**

**SECONDED: Thomas Ebersoll**

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**Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting closed at 5.25PM**

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**ITEM 8: NEXT MEETING**

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 4.00pm (Hartley Building)**