



Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee
11 February 2015
4.00-6.00pm

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES –
11 February 2015**

ITEM: 1 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Present: Sue Graves, Julie Favell and Councillor Col Hunter.

Apologies: Trish Kidd, Thomas Ebersoll and Peter Evans.

Officers: Andrew Muir, Peta Lette, Damon Cupitt.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 12 November 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - Nil

MOVED: Sue Graves **SECONDED:** Julie Favell

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Reminder for meetings be sent 2 weeks prior to meeting date
- Historical items will remain under general business
- Acknowledgement of letter sent to Richard Whyte (EPA) and the proposition that he be invited to attend the August meeting.
- Find out what the process is in regards to the environment at the completion of subdivisions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT an invitation be sent to Richard Whyte (EPA) inviting him to the August Meeting and that information be presented at the next meeting regarding the remediation works at the completion of subdivisions.

MOVED: Sue Graves

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ITEM: 4 FORESTRY NEWS

COMMENTARY

Martin Kong from the Forestry Corporation of NSW will be attending the next meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION –

THAT the EAC send an official invitation to Martin Kong (FCNSW) inviting him to the meeting of the 13th May 2015.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Sue Graves

ITEM: 5 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

COMMENTARY

Further sustainability plans will be sourced before the next meeting. One plan was provided and further required for a proper comparison/assessment.

COMMITTEE ACTION –

THAT members of the committee bring sample sustainability plans to the next meeting for discussion.

MOVED: Julie Favell

SECONDED: Andrew Muir

ITEM: 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Hassans Walls P.O.M – (to remain as a historical item) The project is recommencing in April and the involvement of the committee will be on going.
2. Hassans Walls Reserve - Downhill Bike Track – an audit of the consent was undertaken and a meeting was held with a representative from the downhill bike group. It was pointed out that the group cannot be responsible for the tracks made by other parties. Also that an investigation be undertaken regarding the signage at the Pony track. Are these signs to be permanent?

3. Farmers Creek (Vale of Clwydd) Willow Project – (to remain as a historical item) further investigation be made into grant funding that may be available for further projects.
4. Farmers Creek, Strategic Precinct Planning & Farmers Creek Master Plan – available funding – (to remain as a historical item) further investigation be made into grant funding that may be available for further projects. Specifically resources for regions and Regional Development Funding.
5. Cycle tracks – Specific details of project be presented to the next meeting including: Where the funding will be used, the official path route and will the new track join up with the track from the visitors centre.
6. Compost Bins – Kerbisde composting bins.
7. LOLA – the committee read and acknowledged the comments provided.

COMMITTEE ACTION –

THAT

1. Council be requested to consider the sum of \$35,000 in the 2015/16 budget for farmers creek rehabilitation projects.
2. Council be requested when the 2015/16 waste review comes up that greenwaste/compost be considered.
3. Council Officers be asked to seek information from the Group Manager of Operations regarding the cycle track project including the following: Specific details of project be presented to the next meeting including: Where the funding will be used, the official path route and will the new track join up with the track from the visitors centre.
4. Council Officers be asked to ascertain further details regarding the Pony track signage under the current DA for the downhill track at Hassan's Walls Reserve.
5. The committee request Information regarding remedial works required following the completion of subdivisions and specifically the removal of sedimentation fences, weed control and restoration of land and how this is governed by DA conditions.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

THAT Council consider allocating the sum of \$35,000 in the 2015/16 budget for Farmers Creek rehabilitation projects.

MOVED: Sue Graves

SECONDED: Julie Favell

Meeting Closed: With no further business the meeting closed at 5.30PM

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 4.00pm (Hartley Building)