



MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee
 9 May 2018
 4.00 pm Hartley Building

Name of Committee	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation Of Minutes of Previous Meeting
3	Renewable Energy Action Plan
4	Management of European Wasps within the LGA
5	Update on New Concrete Pathway at Lake Pillans Wetland – Referred to Operations Committee Meeting
6	Street Tree Planting – Referred to Operations Committee Meeting
7	Solar Panels – Admin Building
8	Roadside Vegetation Management Plan
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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 9 May 2018**

ITEM 1 – WELCOME/PRESENT/APOLOGIES

PRESENT: C Hunter, Councillor S Ring, D Roebuck, S Graves, J Favell, P Evans, Councillor Stephen Lesslie.

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Coleman and Trish Kidd

OFFICERS: A Muir – Director, Economic Development & Environment, D Cupitt – Team Leader Environment, R Goddard (Minutes).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

ITEM 2 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE ACTION

THAT - the Minutes of the meeting of 7 February 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

As Per Council meeting

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor Lesslie

CARRIED

ITEM 3 – RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY – Consideration be given for Lithgow City Council to develop a Renewable Action Plan.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT - the Environmental Advisory Committee requests that Julie Favell investigates opportunities, costs and what is involved with a Renewable Energy Action Plan and she will report back to the committee at the meeting on 8 August 2018.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Councillor Lesslie

CARRIED

ITEM 4 – MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN WASPS WITHIN THE LITHGOW AREA

SUMMARY: The Recreation Department has a pest control contractor spraying wasp nests located on Council owned or managed lands in the LGA. Sites are typically identified by members of the public although private property is the responsibility of the landholder. This is a seasonal problem; however this year has been particularly bad due to the extended dry weather

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT - the General Manager be requested to provide staff resources to organise a question and answer session with a pest controller and/or expert in this field including advice on any treatments that can be used in eradicating wasps.

MOVED: Councillor S Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor S Ring

CARRIED

ITEM 5 – REQUEST CLASSIFICATION OF NEW CONCRETE PATHWAY AT LAKE PILLANS WETLAND

SUMMARY – This matter was referred to the Operations Committee for investigation after the last EAC meeting.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT - the Environmental Advisory Committee requests through the General Manager that the Operations Department investigate the relevant requirements and erect a sign as per Australian Standard for the new concrete pathway at Lake Pillans wetland.

NOTED

ITEM 6 – STREET TREE PLANTING – REFERRED TO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY – This matter was referred to the Operations Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT – The General Manager be requested to consult with the relevant Council staff in relation to the preparation of a Street Tree Plan so that the preparation of a Plan can be allocated to an appropriate area and proceed as resources permit.

MOVED: A Muir

SECONDED: J Favell

CARRIED

ITEM 7 – PROPOSED SOLAR PANELS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

SUMMARY: Confirmation that Council has adopted this proposal and will go on public exhibition which will finish at the end of May 2018. Council has allocated the funding in the 2018-2019 budget.

THAT the information on Solar Panels be noted.

ITEM 8 – ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

SUMMARY- P Evans from Local Land Services (LLS) has a contract offer in relation to a Roadside Vegetation Management Plan for the amount of \$35,850.00.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

THAT - the Environmental Advisory Committee requests the General Manager to endorse the offer from LLS for the provision of \$35,850.00 for the preparation of a Roadside Vegetation Management Plan for council roads noting that this plan will include a vegetation plan, field book for field staff vehicles, SWP's and training for field staff.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: J Favell

CARRIED

ITEM 9 – GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business

ITEM 10 - NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the EAC is Wednesday 8 August 2018 at 4.00pm in the Hartley Meeting Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5 pm