



Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee
5 September 2018
4pm Hartley Building

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2018**

ITEM 1 – WELCOME/PRESENT/APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Councillor Lesslie, Councillor Ring, Col Hunter, Trish Kidd

APOLOGIES: Julie Favell, Sue Graves, Councillor Coleman and Damian Roebuck

OFFICERS: Damon Cupitt, Andrew Muir and Robyn Goddard (Minutes)

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

Apologies are accepted.

MOVED: Councillor Lesslie

SECONDED: Col Hunter

ITEM 2 – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 9th May 2018 be taken as read and confirmed at the Council meeting of 28th May 2018.

MOVED: Councillor Ring

SECONDED: Damon Cupitt - **CARRIED**

ITEM 3 – MATTERS ARISING

RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN

Recommendation

1. Council's Purchasing Co-ordinator be asked to do a presentation at the next EAC meeting on energy efficiencies that council are currently undertaking including, if possible, a timeframe on the current project of the rooftop solar panels on the Administration Centre..
2. The General Manager be requested to ask the Water and Wastewater area for a report on the potential for the reticulated water supply system to be used for energy generation through the installation of rotors or turbines within the mains water pipelines. If feasible this to include investigation into what is available in the market for incorporation into the LCC possible Renewable Energy Action Plan.
3. Given the action requested in No 2 may take time, the matter to remain on the agenda of future Environmental Advisory Committee agendas.

MOVED: Councillor Ring

SECONDED: Councillor Lesslie

MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN WASPS WITHIN THE LITHGOW AREA

Commentary – A local pest controller (Wolfman Pest Control) has been organised to speak about European Wasps in a community information session at the library on Monday 17th September 2018. A media release has been posted on Council's website for interested people to attend. Councillor Ring will send through some information that he found on Facebook to Andrew Muir & Damon Cupitt for further details.

Recommendation - The Committee noted the information.

REQUEST CLASSIFICATION OF NEW CONCRETE PATHWAY AT LAKE PILLANS WETLAND

Commentary – footpaths at Lake Pillans have been assessed by Council's Risk and Safety Coordinator – signs will be erected following classification of this path.

Recommendation - The Committee noted the information and requested that the matter be kept on the Agenda.

STREET TREE PLANTING – REFERRED TO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Commentary - The Executive Manager - Operations has advised that the preparation of a Street Tree Plan is not progressing quickly due to staff and priority issues. Consideration may need to be given to outsourcing the work.

The Committee requests that consideration be given for the formulation of a community working party for the preparation of a street tree plan. Furthermore, prior to a street tree plan being implemented, strong consideration should be given when trees are removed, to replacement with a similar species.

Recommendation

1. The information on the Street Tree Plan be noted.
2. The committee request the General Manager give consideration to the formulation of a community working party to prepare a Street Tree Plan,
3. The formulation of a Street Plan remains on the Agenda.

MOVED: Councillor Ring

SECONDED: Col Hunter

ITEM 4 – ILLEGAL DUMPING

Summary – Councillor Ring would like to gain a better understand of illegal dumping within the LGA and risks associated with it.

Commentary – Team Leader Environment spoke about the 2016 EPA Illegal dumping baseline data Grant Program. Through the program Council developed an illegal dumping database and undertook community education throughout the 12 month project.

At the Cullen Bullen landfill closure community meeting held on the 23rd August 2018, residents expressed concerns about illegal dumping in the area. Council has since contacted Forestry to commence discussions about the cleanup and improving security in the area to prevent further illegal dumping on Forestry land adjacent to the Cullen Bullen landfill.

The EAC requests that a line item for the allocation in the budget to fund the control of Illegal Dumping in the Local Government Area.

Recommendation

1. That a budget allocation be included in the in the draft 2019/2020 budget to assist in the control of illegal dumping.
2. The issue of illegal dumping remains on the Agenda.

MOVED: Councillor Lesslie

SECONDED: Councillor Ring

ITEM 5 – SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS

Summary –Now that Coles and Woolworths no longer supply these bags, there is a concern where they can be recycled. Woolworths still have a recycling bin for discarded plastic.

Commentary – Information from the Waste & Recycling Coordinator was received by the Committee.

Recommendation - The Committee noted the information.

ITEM 6 – GENERAL BUSINESS

Ongoing Management of Council Reserves

Councillor Ring – Requested information on the Management of Council Reserves.

Recommendation - The Environmental Advisory Committee be provided with a copy of Council's Land Register including classification and sub-category.

MOVED: Trish Kidd

SECONDED: Col Hunter

Landcare Coordinator

Trish Kidd spoke about the Land Care Coordinator Position – Rechelle Fisher has resigned and the recruitment will start to replace her part time for 12 months. She wanted to thank Rechelle for her hard work for the time she worked at Lithgow City Council.

Trish also mentioned that at the recent Local Landcare Meeting – congratulations to Lithgow City Council to becoming a member of WSROC.

Recommendation - The Committee noted the information.

Lake Wallace Blue Green Algae

Team Leader Environment – Had a meeting with a company called Water Cleanser in relation to the annual Blue Green Algae out brakes at Lake Wallace. Once Council receive a quote to undertake a treatment program discussions stakeholders such as Energy Australia and Water NSW will occur.

Recommendation - The Committee noted the information.

ITEM 7 – NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the EAC is Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 4.00pm in the Hartley Meeting Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5pm