



MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Wednesday 26 October 2022

at 4:30 PM

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of this land on which we meet today. The Mayor paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Present

Present: Mayor Statham, Councillor Almudena Bryce, Councillor Eric Mahony, Councillor Cassandra Coleman, Trish Kidd, Julie Favell, Susan Gregory

Officers: Craig Butler, Paul Cashel, Brendan Livingstone, Fiona Dick (Minute Taker)

3. Apologies

Officers: Michael McGrath

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes were endorsed by two members of the Committee being:

Councillor Bryce and Councillor Mahony

The minutes are proposed to be presented to the next Council.

ACTION

THAT the Minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Councillor Bryce

SECONDED: Councillor Mahony

5. Declaration of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6. Presentations

There were no presentations.

7. Reports

7.1. Agenda Items to be Discussed

Item 1 - EAC Meeting Procedural Items

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The Committee adopt the Terms of Reference with the amendments in 2, 3 and 4 below.
2. That the meetings will be 1 hour from 4.00pm - 5.00pm.
3. That Council will invite agenda items from the Committee 3 weeks prior to the meeting
4. That the draft Minutes will be sent out to the Committee 1 week before going to Council Meeting.
5. The Committee would like additional Community Representatives for the Committee, from Landcare Groups and Tidy Towns. The Committee needs community representative and one alternate member.
6. The Committee would like members from Capertee Valley, Portland and Wallerawang. The Committee would like a diverse range of members.

MOVED: Councillor Mahony

SECONDED: Julie Favell

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The Mayor will be chairing the Committee Meetings. The Mayor would like to elect a Deputy Chair.
2. The Mayor nominated TK to be Deputy Chair. TK accepted the position.
3. A Council officer will go through the Business Papers with the Chair and/or Deputy Chair before each meeting.

MOVED: Councillor Bryce

SECONDED: Trish Kidd

Item 2 - LCC planning and funding for Hassans Walls Reserve

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the verbal update be received and a draft brief be circulated to the Committee once received, December 2022.

MOVED:
Councillor Mahony

SECONDED:
Councillor Bryce

Item 3 - Community Infrastructure (Round 5) – LCC endorsement to apply for 565K for Lake Pillans

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT Noted by the Committee

MOVED: Councillor Mahony

SECONDED: Councillor Bryce

Item 4 - Resources for Regions Program (Round 9) - unsuccessful application from LOLA - 191K

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

It was noted that a Committee member has been in contact with the funding body and will provide a later update to a future meeting of the Committee.

MOVED: Councillor Mahony

SECONDED: Julie Favell

Item 5 - Farmers Creek follow-up works – ongoing funding re Farmers Creek

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. The Committee encourages the ongoing management of weeds.
2. The Committee considers there is the need for weed control and management of erosion to be ongoing.
3. The Committee encourages Council to seek external funding. The Committee would like ongoing funding for the maintenance of Farmer's Creek.
4. The Committee seeks a further report on Council funding a position of Bushland Management Officer.
5. Councillor Mahony advised the Committee that Council has a current arrangement with Upper Macquarie County Council for the ongoing control of noxious weeds within the LGA.

MOVED: Susan Gregory

SECONDED: Trish Kidd

CARRIED: Unanimously

8. General Business

- Previous Minutes are to be distributed again and any matters from these minutes can be raised at future meetings.

9. Meeting Close

Next Meeting: To be determined for 2023 and to be held in the Committee Room

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.45pm.